

HAPPENINGS @ your library

TEACHING NARRATIVE SKILLS



Every Child Ready to Read is a program that stresses early literacy skills that research has shown children must know in order to learn to read.

One of these skills is *Narrative Skills*, which is the ability to describe things and events and to tell stories.

Being able to talk about and explain what happens in a story helps a child understand the meaning of what he or she is reading.

Good narrative skills lead to good reading comprehension. Research shows that the best reading experiences happen when a child becomes involved in the story.

A variety of reading aloud experiences help a child understand how a story works—that there is a beginning, middle and an end.

Children who have large vocabularies and who understand spoken language well learn to read more easily and become better readers.

You can work on this skill with your child:

Involve your child in the story as you read to him. Ask him to predict what will happen next. Talk about the story—even with your baby.

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Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manager

HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT FOR 2011

The year 2011.... This is the year! You just know it! You know that right now you can make a decision to get exactly what you want out of life. You can set your goals today and achieve whatever you want. Not sure where to begin? I can guarantee you that whatever you are looking for, the Lake County Public Library can help you find it.

Okay, so maybe you want to finally take control of your finances. We all know times are tough, but why not take control on your own? It's time to stop complaining and just do it! The library has tons of materials on money. They range from investing, to starting a business, how to save, retirement, and even how to change your whole outlook on money.

Maybe you've realized that life is short and you want to travel more. Well, don't hesitate to search our library for current information on particular hot spots around the

world. We have maps, videos, and even materials that give you ideas of where to start your search. Want to travel, but don't have the money? You are always welcome to attend our free travel video programs.

You can travel from the Sphinx in Egypt to the hills in Scotland just by sitting in our meeting rooms.



Want to improve your mental and physical health? Keep an eye

out for special cooking classes, yoga classes, T'ai Chi Chih demonstrations, and even dance classes. And of course, we have all kinds of exercise and yoga videos, as well as an array of cookbooks, and books on massage techniques, and on how to relieve stress. Did you know that you can go to a free program and just laugh? Laughter is one of

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...just do it! ...

Happenings, January 2011

the best medicines for those winter blues. The Central Library has a free laughter yoga class taught by a certified instructor every month.

I've only mentioned a few potential goals, but there is so much more you can do. On your search don't be afraid to go right up to the reference desk and ask for help. If the library is a little too overwhelming, the reference librarians can help you narrow down your search and find exactly what you want. No question is off limits. Don't forget that reference librarians are here for you! They want to help; that's why they are sitting at that desk.

So here's to 2011, and here's to what you want!

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Use puppets or stuffed animals to tell a story. Encourage your child to act out a story or parts of it.

Talk with your child. Ask questions that cannot be answered with "yes" or "no." Ask your baby a question and then answer for her. Ask your preschooler to tell you about something that happened to him today.

Recite nursery rhymes often. These are little stories with a beginning, middle and end.

Choose books with a story sequence that is easy to follow. Nursery rhymes are great, but also choose books with stories you and your child can talk about and retell in different ways.

@your Library



THE FBI

in Peace and War

How can we find out who lived in our house before us?

Here at the Lake County Public Library, we have old telephone directories and city directories as well as older criss-cross directories. These are held in the Indiana Room which is at the Central library. We also have a volume called "*Lake County Interim Report*" which can give more architectural information if you own an older home.

Books

Staff Recommends

The Embers

by Hyatt Bass

"Emily is somewhat estranged from both her father and her mother. A family tragedy that occurred during her teenage years compounded the tension between her parents and ended the marriage. Now, thirteen years later, as Emily and fiancé Clay plan their wedding, she and her parents reconsider the past and their roles in the tragedy."

SA/Systems

Ritual

by Mo Hayder

"Two members of Bristol, England's police force, one a woman diver, the other a male inspector, both marked by previous personal losses investigate a horrendous crime that leads to a drug culture and African-linked witchcraft."

DB/Reference Emerita

The Mapping of Love and Death

by Jacqueline Winspear

"This intriguing historical mystery starts during 1914 when a British cartographer, Michael Clifton, falls in love with California and buys land knowing there is oil beneath its surface. After World War I breaks out, Michael joins the British army as a cartographer. In 1932, Maisie Dobbs, an English private investigator, is hired by Michael's parents after they learn their son's remains, a set of love letters, and Michael's journal are unearthed from a trench in France. An autopsy reveals Michael was murdered, and Maisie searches the journal and letters for the truth: what really happened to Michael Clifton?"

DW/SJ

CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

1919 W. 81ST AVE.

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnl.htm or you may call the library directly using the extension listed.

BookReMarks Online

Jan. 1-31 To join this month-long online book discussion of *A Good Yarn* by Debbie Macomber, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For information visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookre-marks/remarks.htm>.

Blood Pressure Screening

Jan. 5, Wed. from 10:30am-Noon
Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Jan. 5, Wed. at 2pm This class is geared toward beginners and will cover how to use the computer mouse; Ext. 346.

English as a Second Language

Jan. 10, Mon. through Mar. 16, Wed. at 6pm Free classes provided by the International Alliance to learn to speak English or to improve your current English language skills. No registration required.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Jan. 12, Wed. at 2pm Participants learn to find information on the internet. Ext.; 346.

Circle of Readers

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm *The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town That Raised Them* by Amy Dickinson, advice columnist. Ext. 340

2nd Friday of the Month Club

Jan. 14, Fri. at 9:30am This month's presentation, co-sponsored with Centier Bank Advantage Club, will be "Retirement Investment Strategies." Refreshments served. Call (219) 755-6140, ext. 1839 for details.

Learn & Improve Knitting Skills

Jan. 14, Fri. at 11am Learn to read and understand knitting patterns; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Library Catalog

Jan. 19, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate, renew or request library materials; Ext. 346.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

Jan. 26, Wed. at 2pm Students who attend the first three classes are encouraged to practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to provide individual assistance. Ext. 346

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Jan. 28, Fri. at 10am Informational and interactive session to understand the process of progressive dementias. Call toll free at 1-888-303-0180 to register.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Jan. 28, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Call toll free at 1-888-303-0180 to register.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

To register for this library program either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or you may call the library directly.

Book Buddies

Jan. 31, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts about *Rumpspringa: To Be or Not To Be Amish*, by Tom Shachtman.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or you may call the library directly.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Readers

Jan. 4, Tues. at 7pm Stephen King and Peter Starub collaborate in this horror/fantasy novel: *The Talisman*.

Mystery Loves Company

Jan. 10, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts about *The Wrong Stuff*, by Sharon Fiffer.

StoryLovers

Jan. 24, Mon. at 1pm Share your opinions about *Sarah's Key*, by Tatianna de Rosnay.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or you may call the library directly.

Snack & Plan

Jan. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., the library's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, & plan programs for teens & younger kids.

History Video

Jan. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn about the inside world of the Amish.

Make It Hot!

Jan. 11 & 12, Tues. and Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to experiment with warm foods and beverages.

Books & Chat

Jan. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Things They Carried* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Tim O'Brien.

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Monday, January 17, 2011
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

ALL branches of the
Lake County Public Library
will observe normal operating hours.

To 2010 & Beyond!

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to play trivia and *Name That Tune*-style games for prizes!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Jan. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will venture beyond the resorts that make up Fiji's tourism industry.

Gamefest

Jan. 26, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games.

Family Fun Night

Jan. 31, Mon. at 6:30 pm All ages will have fun with stories and activities about Groundhog's Day.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or you may call the library directly.

History Film

Jan. 3, Mon. at 2pm This biography film on Lance Armstrong tells the story of the famous American bicycle racer.

Women's Safety Seminar

Jan. 4, Tues. at 6pm This presentation by the Highland Police Department on women's safety is geared to women between the ages of 18 and 25.

Dan Helpingstine Book Signing

Jan. 8, Sat. at 2pm The local author from Highland will sign copies of his new book, *The Cubs and The White Sox: A Baseball Rivalry, 1900 to the Present*.

Travelogue With Gordon Wilder

Jan. 10, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm View slides of autumn colors in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Fiction Discussion

Jan. 11, Tues. at 2pm P.G. Wodehouse's *The Code of the Woosters*.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Jan. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police Department Community Crime Watch is open to all Highland residents.

Crossroads- A Song for the New Year

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am International entertainer, J. Jay Brooks, will start out 2011 with a new song. Call 972-7353 to register.

Armchair Travelers

Jan. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This film will take us to the main ports-of-call on the six Hawaiian Islands and on to the French Polynesia.

Stamp Camp

Jan. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 2pm *My Heart Remembers* is the story of 3 Irish-immigrant siblings.

Classics on the Big Screen

Jan. 24, Mon. at 2pm This classic war film, *Sergeant York*, is the true story of a war hero who single-handedly captured 132 German soldiers during WWI.

Mystery Book Discussion

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 7pm *Murder Must Advertise* by Dorothy Sayers is a classic mystery book.

Teen Gaming

Jan. 29, Sat. at 2pm Teens play computer games, *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*.

Classics on the Big Screen: *Robin Hood*

Jan. 31, Mon. at 2pm This 2010 version of *Robin Hood* stars Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or you may call the library directly.

Book Giveaway

Jan. 1-31 Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room to those who submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Three entries per person, per month.

Travel the World: Beijing

Jan. 4, Tues. at 2pm Travel to Beijing without the expense and language barriers through video.

Movie Night

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6pm Serving up coffee and screams with the showing of *Cloverfield*.

Pancake Breakfast

Jan. 15, Sat. 10am-Noon Pancakes will be served until noon.

Book Chat

Jan. 18, Tues. at 10:30am Liesel rescues books from Nazi book-burnings in *The Book Thief*.

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Children's Programming

January 2011

Lake County Public Library

Since 1959

www.lcpln.org

Central Library

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnli.htm or you may call the library directly at extension 360.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10am Babies and Toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

4 and 5 Year Old Story Hour

Jan. 10 & 24, Mon. at 1pm or Jan. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10am Stories, music, and crafts will make this a fun time for preschoolers while they learn to interact with other children and experience time away from parents.

Story Time for 2 and 3 Year Olds

Jan. 17, Mon. at 10am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy and participate in stories, music, finger play, and other activities.

You're Invited to a Special Party!

Jan. 17, Mon. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to join us for the celebration of Dr. Martin L. King Jr.'s birthday with stories, games and art activities. Refreshments will be provided.

Judy Moody Night

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 6pm School-age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families will hear the many moods of Judy Moody, play some games, and make a craft.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

To register for this library program either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Ice Fishing

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades kindergarten and up will make a picture after hearing the story of *Kumak's Fish*.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register for this library program either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffj.htm or you may call the library directly.

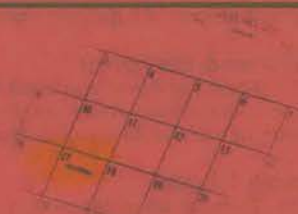
Afternoon Movie at the Library

Jan. 15, Sat. at 1pm School aged children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy hot chocolate, muffins, and a newly released movie at the library. The movie is rated PG and will run for approximately 2 hours.



January 17-Martin Luther King Day-2011

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will observe normal operating hours.



Griffith Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-grj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Preschool Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Jan. 4, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers will hear stories about clothes from head to toes, play games, and make a quick craft.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Jan. 5, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers will hear stories about clothes from head to toes, play games, and do a quick craft. Parents are welcome to join the children.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Jan. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy a winter story fest featuring Mother Goose rhymes and music.

Snowflakes

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will make snowflakes from pipe-cleaners to hang in their room.

Wii Bowling

Jan. 17, Mon. at 1pm Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to practice their bowling skills before the big family "Super Bowl" party—bring a grandparent to compete with you in a round robin tournament.

Preschool Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Jan. 18, Tues. at 1pm "Snow, Snow, Snow" is the theme. Children will hear stories, play games, and make a quick craft. Please register.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Jan. 19, Wed. at 9:30am "Snow, Snow, Snow" is this month's theme. Children will also play games and make a quick craft. Parents are welcome to join the children.

JP Story Hour

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 6:30pm Families are invited to share stories about winter nights while sipping hot chocolate.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-clj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Snack & Plan

Jan. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Preschool Story Hour

Jan. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan. 7 & 21, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Make It Hot!

Jan. 11 & 12, Tues. and Wed. at 4pm Teens! Warm up with salsa that you make. Experiment with a variety of hot chocolate and other warm food, including pretzels. Make your own felt scarf, too—decorate it with beads and/or fabric paint. All supplies, snacks and pop will be provided.

Toddler Time

Jan. 13 & 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

Happy New Year

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy "NEW" stories, games, and a craft.

Games Galore—Chess & More!

Jan. 18, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, can play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games—and snacks—will be provided.

To 2010 and Beyond!

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 4pm You lived through the 2000's. See how much you know. Teens will play trivia and Name That Tune-style games for prizes! How much do you know about Justin Bieber and other sensations of 2010 (and earlier)? Try some of the popular new foods of the last few years. Make some too! Play, eat, and win!

Amazing Legos

Jan. 25, Tues. at 4pm Make and display your own Lego creations made with library Legos! All supplies—and snacks—will be provided. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection.

of their own against two spoiled city cousins who have just moved in and refuse to leave. Nanny McPhee uses her magic to teach her mischievous charges new lessons. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 120 minutes.

Happy Chinese New Year

Jan. 26, Wed. at 4:00pm Children currently in kindergarten or older will celebrate the Chinese New Year. Games and a craft will be included.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Lego Club

Jan. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program with a theme. School age children (kindergarten and up) are encouraged to bring a friend and use their imagination and creativity to build and construct with Lego's.

6 to 23 Months

Jan. 11, Tues. or Jan. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am This is a thirty-minute program with a caregiver and is filled with stories, songs, and activities for babies and toddlers.

4s & 5s

Jan. 11 & 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or Jan. 12 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am This is approximately a one-hour program filled with stories, songs, activities, a film, and a craft.

Winter Wonderland Family Time

Jan. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm Children, 3 to 7 year olds, and caregivers will hear stories about winter, sing, participate in activities, and make a simple craft.

2s & 3s

Jan. 12 & 19, Wed. and Thurs. at 1:30pm and Jan. 18, Tues. at 10:30am This is approximately 1 hour with a caregiver and includes stories, songs, and activities.

Young Readers

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm This is a program for teens (12 to 17 years of age) wanting to review books and hear other reviews. Library volunteer hours can be earned.

Chess Knight

Jan. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Bring a friend and learn and develop new strategies for the game of chess.

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-sjj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Jan. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Story Time for 4, 5, & 6 Year Olds

Jan. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am or Jan. 12 & 26, Wed. at 1:30pm Children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Creative Hands: Fun With Art Workshop

Jan. 11, Tues. at 4pm or Jan. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month young artists (kindergarten through 6th grade) will explore different ways to create art.

Family Story Time

Jan. 26, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



2011 READ a THON

"Readers Are Winners"

Dear Parents,

The Lake County Public Library Foundation encourages your child to make reading a part of his/her life, both in and out of school.

All your child needs to do is seek sponsors, then read as many books as possible within the six weeks of the READaTHON. Upon completion of the sixth week your child should begin collecting pledges and turn in his/her money in the Sponsor/Booklist envelope.

Please review the rules and all the forms given to your child. Return the signed permission slip to your school office, school librarian, or local branch library.

Once all the money has been counted, participating schools will receive one-third of the total monies raised by their students.

Encourage your child to read. It is the one gift that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,
Lake County Public Library
Foundation Board

Lake County Public Library Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization, formed by people who are concerned about the quality of library service in this community. The Foundation promotes fundraising drives like the READaTHON to help buy books, magazines, videos, and other library materials. The money raised is invested, and only the interest is spent to benefit the library. Thus, money raised today will keep giving for years to come.

READaTHON Prizes For Turning in:

\$1 to \$19.99
\$20 to \$39.99
\$40 to \$69.99
\$70 to \$99.99
\$100 and over

You will Receive:

An Award Ribbon
10" Trophy
12" Trophy
15" Trophy
20" Trophy

Each branch library will recognize the top eight students who raise the most money in their community schools.

1st place - \$50 gift card to a bookstore

2nd place - \$25 gift card to a bookstore

3rd through 8th place - \$10 gift certificate to a bookstore

***To be eligible for prizes, participants must abide by READaTHON Rules as stated below.**

READaTHON Rules

1. The READaTHON is open to all children from preschoolers through eighth grade.
2. Participants must read at their own reading level. Books may be borrowed from the school or public library. Books read for other reading programs may be counted for the READaTHON, but books read for school assignments or prior to January 10, 2011, may not be counted.
3. Books read to children in first grade or below may be counted.
4. Permission forms must be signed by a parent and returned to the school office, school librarian, or local branch library.
5. In order to be eligible for prizes, all Sponsor/Booklist Record envelopes and monies collected **MUST** be returned to the school librarian or local branch library no later than March 4, 2011.
6. The school and child raising the most money overall will be notified.
7. A service fee will be charged on returned checks.
8. Please make checks payable to: Lake County Public Library Foundation

2011 Read-a-thon January 10 - February 18

Be a Winner-READ!

Gamefest

Jan. 26, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation & Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided. Please register.

Popcorn Polka

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games, and a craft about popcorn. There will be plenty of popcorn for eating as well!

Family Fun Night: It's Groundhog's Day!

Jan. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will have fun with stories and activities about Groundhog's Day, winter, and an early spring.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or you may call the library directly.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 months to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

Tremendous 2s & 3s – Winnie the Pooh

Jan. 11, Tues. at 10:30am 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will celebrate *Winnie the Pooh* with stories, activities, songs, and a simple craft.

Family Story Hour

Jan. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with preschool children, 3-6 years old, will celebrate the upcoming *Winnie the Pooh Day* with stories, songs, finger plays, and a special *Winnie the Pooh* craft.

LEGO Club

Jan. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 3 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will make constructions based on a monthly theme and share their creations with the group. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschool children, age 4-6 years, will celebrate the upcoming *Winnie the Pooh Day* with stories, songs, finger plays, and a special *Winnie the Pooh* craft.

Crafty Kids Club

Jan. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm Do you enjoy doing arts and crafts? Join the Crafty Kids Club for school age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, and each month we meet you will enjoy creating a different project. Please register.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Jan. 25, Tues. at 10:30am *Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed* by Eileen Christelow will be featured along with more stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft during this story time for 2 & 3 year olds with their caregivers.

Family Story Time

Jan. 25, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with preschool children ages 3-6 should be ready to stomp and swing their "trunks" with the friendly elephants featured in this story time. An elephant craft will follow.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschool children, age 4-6 years, get ready to stomp and swing your "trunks" with the friendly elephants featured in this story hour. Songs and an elephant craft included.

Teen Gaming

Jan. 29, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 5th grade and up will enjoy playing computer games, *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-hioj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Book Giveaway

Jan. 1 – 31, Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Pre-school Story Hour

Jan. 11 & 25, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a winter craft.

Tween Movie: *Coraline*

Jan. 11, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (ages 9-13) are invited to come and see the movie *Coraline*. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Mother Goose on The Loose

Jan. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies and toddlers (ages birth to 23 months with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and nursery rhymes in this half-hour interactive program.

Toddler Story Time

Jan. 13 & 27, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver), in this half-hour program, will hear stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Pancake Breakfast for All

Jan. 15, Sat. at 10am Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Hobart Library. Pancakes will be served 10 a.m. to noon.

Evening Pajama Movie: *Nanny McPhee*

Jan. 18, Tues. at 6pm We will be showing the movie *Nanny McPhee*, starring Emma Thompson and Colin Firth. Children are invited to wear their pajamas, bring a blanket, pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Let's Draw!

Jan. 25, Tues. at 6pm School age children (grades K-6) are invited to come and spend time drawing (cartoons or whatever style they would like to work in). We will have drawing supplies and books on hand.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-lencj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Let It Snow

Jan. 5, Wed. at 6pm Children in kindergarten and higher will make a snow craft and share a snow story.

Tween Time

Jan. 19, Wed. at 6pm Children age 10 - 12 years will make *Knit Wits*. Each child will need to bring a knit glove to complete this craft.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or you may call the library directly.

Terrific 2s & 3s

Jan. 3, 17 & 31, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan. 5 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. You may come early to play with toys, but clean up is strictly at 10:30. Please register.

Check Mate Drugs

Jan. 6 to Feb. 24, Thurs. at 5-6:30pm Children in kindergarten and up are invited to the library every Thursday through February 24th for a chess series presented by the Indiana National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program. All chess players, beginners through advanced, are invited to attend this program to learn how to play chess. No experience is necessary and chess sets will be provided.

Fantastic 4s & 5s

Jan. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows 4 and 5 year old children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Reading with Your Fingers-Let's Learn About Braille

Jan. 12, Wed. 4pm In honor of Louis Braille, children in kindergarten or older will hear the story *Black Dots - A Book of Colors* and discuss Louis Braille, the inventor of the Braille Alphabet. Games and a craft will be included.

Family Movie Break: *Nanny McPhee Returns*

Jan. 14, Fri. at 2pm *Nanny McPhee* appears at the door of a harried young mother, Mrs. Isabel Green, who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. But once she's arrived, Nanny McPhee discovers that Mrs. Green's children are fighting a war

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
852-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lnc.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or you may call the library directly.

Morning Book Chat

Jan. 6, Thurs. at 10:30am *Paradise* by Toni Morrison will be discussed.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Jan. 11, Tues. at 10:30am or Jan. 18, Tues. at 2pm Learn basic computer skills.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Jan. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am or Jan. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the internet.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or you may call the library directly.

T'ai Chi Chih

Jan. 4, Tues. at 2pm Learn about this moving meditation that can be performed while seated.

Crossroads

Jan. 5, Wed. at 1:30pm Times columnist Phil Potempa returns to discuss his newly released cookbook.

Independent Film

Jan. 11, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *The Window* is for mature audiences; not rated; in Spanish with English subtitles; adults only; running time 77 min. [cc]

A Night at the Opera

Jan. 12, Wed. at 7pm Background discussion of *The Girl of the Golden West* by Giacomo Puccini, accompanied by musical highlights.

Learning to Love Ourselves

Jan. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Learn to treat yourself gently with the assistance of Life Coach, Dr. Myrna Sarowitz.

Explore Chicago Neighborhoods by the "L"

Jan. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 6pm Tour the different neighborhoods of Chicago via the elevated subway system.

Blood Pressure Screening

Jan. 27, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Jan. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm Garth Steins novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, offers an incite to what your dog is thinking.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or you may call the library directly.

Independent Film Series

Jan. 3, Mon. at 1pm *1981* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In French with English subtitles. [cc]

T'ai Chi Chih

Jan. 6, Thurs. at 2pm Learn about this moving meditation that can be performed while seated.

Stamp Class

Jan. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class.

Virtual Tourists

Jan. 19, Wed. at 7pm Austria features alpine mountains, pastures, lakes, and scenic plains.

Between the Lines

Jan. 26, Wed. at 7pm, or Jan. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss the adventures of Bill Bryson from *A Walk in the Woods*.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or you may call the library directly.

Stamp Class

Jan. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided due at class.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Jan. 5, Wed. at 1:30pm Beginning users will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

Sit & Stitch

Jan. 5 & 19, Wed. at 6pm Sit & knit or crochet & chat at this casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

Jan. 10, Mon. at 1:30pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Jan. 12, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Big Screen Musical

Jan. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm *Lullaby of Broadway* stars Doris Day, Gene Nelson and Billy DeWolfe. Running time: 93 minutes.

Wii for Seniors

Jan. 19, Wed. at 2pm Learn or improve gaming skills on Wii, the popular electronic game.

Reminder:

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new movies

new music!

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HAPPENINGS @ your library



VOCABULARY

Vocabulary is one of the six essential skills research has shown that children need to have in order to learn to read. Vocabulary is knowing the names of things, feelings, concepts, and ideas. Research shows that children who know many words will have an easier time learning to read; learning to read a word is much easier when the child already is familiar with it.

Amazingly, simply reading aloud to your child significantly helps increase his/her vocabulary. Children encounter three times as many rare words in books than in ordinary conversation or on television. And already knowing those words makes it much easier to learn to read them! When you are reading to your child, try some of these activities to help teach vocabulary:

- Don't just read the words. Talk about the pictures and what is going on in the story. Leave time for your child to say something back.
- You can help your child understand words he/she may not know by briefly talking about them as you go along, or before reading the book if you wish.
- Try some nonfiction (informational, true) books. Ask your librarian to help you find books that interest you and your child.

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Kathy Deal

Highland Branch Manager

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY

The Highland Children's Department has offered a Lego program the second Wednesday of the month for the last year that consistently averages 16-24 children, mostly boys, in attendance. While girls continue to be a minority at this program, we do attract a few and those who are interested are more than welcome to attend.

You may ask why we offer a Lego program and what that has to do with reading. According to a recent study by Dorothy Singer of Yale University called *Play = Learning* "promoting play contributes to early literacy development by increasing attention span, memory, creativity and language and vocabulary skills. It also lays the foundation for logical mathematical thinking, scientific reasoning and problem-solving, things children will carry with them throughout their school years."

When the school-age children arrive for the program, they are greeted and given the theme for the day. 5 to 6 tables are set up with the colorful blocks, and base-plates are available but limited. Once the theme is given to the children they are on their own to build the design of their choice. As they work, the children

are often seen moving around discussing with each other what they are building. Parents often join their children in the creation of a design, making this a family-friendly program as well.

Some of the more memorable Lego designs include: a brown turkey, roasted with white legs; a flat jack-o-lantern; ghosts; a 3-D jack-o-lantern; a skull; several apples and apple trees; and a pumpkin patch complete with tractor and leaves on each pumpkin. Many of the children build quite elaborate vehicles and like to explain each of the special features.



The finished creations are displayed in the library for a month, so others can admire and enjoy. We often see adults as well as children admiring the display and pointing it out to others in their group.

Children often bring more elaborate Lego creations from home to share with the group, providing them a rare opportunity to speak in front of others. There is also a drawing each month for a small Lego prize.

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...Play = Learning...

Happenings, February 2011

After the program, the children are interested in looking at Lego books. We have had to call in Lego books from our other branches to meet the demand for these titles after our program. Also, we often have books on display that go along with the theme of the day.

Initially, to get our program started, Children's Librarian Karen Slager purchased large quantities of Lego blocks. If you have ever purchased these blocks, you know this can be an expensive undertaking. Since then, many kind and generous patrons have donated Legos to add to the library's collection. So, if you have a box of Lego blocks at home that your children no longer use, please consider donating the blocks to your local library. The more blocks we have, the more children we can have participate, and the more intricate and extensive the projects can be.

The Highland Branch is not the only Lake County Public Library branch offering this program. School age children are welcome to attend the Lego Club at the Dyer-Schererville Branch, which meets the first Wednesday of the month and Cedar Lake Branch on the first Thursday of the month. Other branches are contemplating offering Lego programs, but are still in the process of collecting enough Legos to offer a program.

Some cool Lego websites:

Brickfilms www.brickfilms.com

A site dedicated to brickfilming—the making of stop-motion animation with Legos or other brick-like elements.

Hall of Bricks www.hallofbricks.com

A well-organized directory of links to the best Lego-related content on the Web.

Lego Star Wars Club legostarwarsclub.blogspot.com

Featuring product reviews, art galleries, and links to where to get hard-to-find Legos.

LUGNET www.lugnet.com

A place that unites Lego enthusiasts worldwide through forums, Web pages, and services.

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Reader's Advisory

THE TRAGEDY and COMEDY of ROMANCE

Do you have a list of your new books on CD?

The library website (www.lcpln.org) has a service called "Wowbrary." Every week you can go to "Wowbrary" to see the new items available at the library. You can access this on our home page by clicking on the "Wowbrary" link. Or you can go to the library catalog and click on the "What's new this week" tab at the top of the page. Once you are on "Wowbrary," links on the left will take you to specific new items such as new books on CD.

NEW TITLES FOR PERIODICALS: 2011

Staff Recommends

Antiques Roadshow Insider—this full color monthly magazine tracks antiques' and collectibles' news and trends and is becoming as popular as the television show that inspired it. Each month, this engaging newsletter will bring you the tips and tricks of the experts. You will learn how to spot fakes and frauds, how to care for your treasures to preserve their value, and much more.

Chicago Home + Garden—presents glossy photos of spectacular spaces taken by the city's finest photographers, and it also details how you can adapt the looks for your own home. *Chicago Home + Garden* covers arts and antiques, entertaining, travel, plant and garden design, where to shop, and a calendar of Chicago events related to the home. The editors and writers of *Chicago Home + Garden* are the definitive source for city and suburban dwellers interested in making their home a more beautiful place.

Cloth Paper Scissors—covers many types of fiber arts and collage work, including mixed media, assemblage, altered books, art dolls, creative embroidery, and book arts. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced artist, every issue will bring you the newest and most innovative techniques; detailed photos and step-by-step instructions from some of the world's most talented artists.

Old House Interiors—gives you practical information on the most beautiful and appropriate finishes, furnishings, accessories, and decorating details taking cues from the past. Articles cover kitchens and bathrooms, flooring, doors and windows, paint color, hardware and lighting, carpets and rugs, and window treatments. The magazine takes you outdoors for shutters, garages and home gardens. Turn to *Old House Interiors* for expert advice to guide your planning and purchases.

Note: Stop by to see other new subscriptions.

CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

1919 W. 81ST AVE.

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

To register for these library programs either visit the direct online link www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm or call the library directly using the extension listed.

BOOKreMARKS Online

Feb. 1 to 28 To join the online discussion of *Not Without My Daughter* by Betty Mahomody, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookre-marks/remarks.htm>.

Blood Pressure Screening

Feb. 2, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am
Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Feb. 2, Wed. at 2pm Beginners will learn how to use the computer mouse effectively; Ext. 346.

English As A Second Language

Feb. 2, through Mar. 16, Mon. & Wed. at 6pm Learn or improve your English speaking language skills. No registration required.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Feb. 3, Thurs. at 2pm or Feb. 21, Mon. at 6:30pm Learn to make homemade greeting cards. There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

Stitch-N-Public Day

Feb. 5, Sat. from 10am-4pm The Embroidery Guild of America offers a place to stitch with others or to learn how to stitch. Stop in any time of the day!

Friends of the Library Meeting

Feb. 8, Tues. at 1pm Friends of the Library Board Meeting open to all. For further information, Ext. 317.

Great Decisions

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm *Re-building Haiti* is the topic for discussion in February; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Feb. 9, Wed. at 2pm Learn to find information on the internet; Ext. 346.

Teen Gaming Night

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6pm Teens are invited to play *Wii* and *PlayStation 2*, eat snacks, and have a fun time; Ext. 360.

Circle of Readers

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert book discussion; Ext. 340.

Learn & Improve Crochet Skills

Feb. 11, Fri. 11am Learn to read and follow crochet patterns; Ext. 317.

T'ai Chi Chi

Feb. 15, Tues. at 1pm Instructor Peter Gregory will explain methods of T'ai Chi Chih; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Library Catalog

Feb. 16, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, as well as how to place requests and renew borrowed items; Ext. 346.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm Discussion focuses on books from the paranormal fiction genre: *Dead in the Family* by Charlene Harris; Ext. 364.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

Feb. 23, Wed. at 2pm Practice what was learned in previous classes with an instructor's assistance; Ext. 346.

Healing With Laughter Yoga

Feb. 23, Wed. at 7pm A certified instructor will lead a special yoga class with laughing techniques; Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 25, Fri. at 10am Join this free informational and interactive session to understand the process of progressive dementias. Call toll free at 1-888-303-0180 to register.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 25, Fri. at Noon Long term health insurance will be discussed. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Call toll free 1-888-303-0180 to register.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180

Book Buddies

Feb. 28, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts about *Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, by James L. Swanson, with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Readers

Feb. 8, Tues. at 7pm Discussion of *Collision Course*, a novel by William Shatner.

Mystery Loves Company

Feb. 14, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts about *Love Kills*, by Edna Buchanan, with other readers.

Stampin' With Jolanda

Feb. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm \$5 fee covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

Feb. 28, Mon. at 1pm Share your opinions about *The Brief History of the Dead*, by Kevin Brockmeier, with other readers.

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Monday, February 21, 2011

PRESIDENTS' DAY

ALL branches of the

Lake County Public Library

will observe normal operating hours.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Snack & Plan

Feb. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 year olds) will eat, play games, and plan programs. Registration not required.

History Film

Feb. 8, Tues. at 2pm *Abraham Lincoln* is a definitive look at the stoic president who risked everything to save his nation.

Duct Tape Mania

Feb. 8 & 9, Tues. at 4pm Teens, 11 & older—Craft with various colors of duct tape. Registration not required.

Books & Chat

Feb. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Nineteenth Wife* by David Ebershoff.

Love Stinks Chocolate

GameFest

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to celebrate 'Unvalentine's Day.'

Travel the World Without

Leaving Home

Feb. 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a tour of Scotland on the library's big screen.

GameFest

Feb. 23, Wed. at 3pm Teens play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games.

Feathered Friends Family Fun!

Feb. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will hear & participate in stories and other activities about birds.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/hi.htm

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

The College Admission Process

Feb. 1, Tues. at 6:30 pm Join Maureen Harangody of Valparaiso University for an informational session on the College Admission Process for high school seniors and their parents.

History Film

Feb. 7, Mon. at 2pm Biographical film on Shirley Temple profiles the life of the most successful child actor in Hollywood.

Fiction Discussion

Feb. 8, Tues. at 2pm Come to discuss *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. Registration not required.

Crossroads

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank in conjunction with the library sponsors a free program for seniors. Please call the bank at 972-7353 to register and get more information.

T'ai Chi Chih

Feb. 16, Wed. at 2pm Peter Gregory leads participants in 19 movements dedicated to improving vital energy.

Stamp Camp

Feb. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 2pm Discuss *The Shepherd's Voice* by Robin Lee Hatcher.

Armchair Travelers Visit Iran

Feb. 21, Mon. at 2pm Travel to Iran via the cinematic screen. Refreshments served.

Mystery Book Discussion

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Discuss *Wife of the Gods* by Kwei Quartley.

Classics on the Big Screen

Feb. 28, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Cinematic showing of *Leap Year*, the story of finding the perfect man to marry.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Hello Cupcake – Sweet Talk

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6pm Using author Karen Tacks *Hello Cupcake* books all members of the family are invited to learn how to make conversation heart cupcakes. Bring two cans of vanilla frosting and green sprinkles.

Movie Night Musical

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 6pm Everyone is invited to sing along with *Across the Universe*. Rated PG-13. 131 minutes. Refreshments served.

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Book Chat: *Three Cups of Tea*

Feb. 15, Tues. at 10:30am *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, the true story of one of the most extraordinary humanitarian missions of our time.

Hello Cupcake: Chinese Take-Out

Feb. 23, Wed. at 6pm Using author Karen Tacks *Hello Cupcake* books all members of the family are invited to learn how to make Chinese takeout cupcakes. Bring two cans of vanilla frosting and green sprinkles.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lscn.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

Feb. 3, Thurs. at 10:30am Discussion of *Written in Bone* by Simon Beckett.

One-On-One Computer Class

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Sign up for a 1 hour session how to use the internet, set-up email accounts or write a resume.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

A Night at the Opera: *Lohengrin*

Feb. 2, Wed. at 7pm Lecture on the background of the opera *Lohengrin* by Richard Wagner. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Independent Film: *Welcome*

Feb. 8, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Welcome* is for mature audiences; not rated; in French, English and Kurdish with English subtitles; adults only; running time 109 minutes. [cc]

Explore the Pacific Northwest

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Host by Maxa travels to Vancouver, Victoria, Mount Ranier, San Juan Islands, and Seattle.

A Night at the Opera: *Hercules*

Feb. 23, Wed. at 7pm Lecture on the background of the opera *Hercules* by George Frederic Handel. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Blood Pressure Screening

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm Join in this book discussion of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Great Books: *Iphigeneia at Aulis*

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Iphigeneia at Aulis* by Euripedes, a selection from the second series of *Great Books*.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Meet the Mouse

Feb. 3, Thurs. at 1:30pm Beginners will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

Independent Film Series

Feb. 7, Mon. at 1pm *The Wind Journeys* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Spanish with English subtitles. [cc]

Stamp Class

Feb. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Basic Windows Computer Class

Feb. 14, Mon. at 1pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows. Must have basic mouse skills.

Virtual Tourists

Feb. 16, Wed. at 7pm *Sultanate of Oman*-presents a splendid example of original Arabia.

Navigating the Net

Feb. 21, Mon. at 1pm Explore web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Between the Lines

Feb. 23, Wed. at 7pm or Feb. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *Evan Help Us* by Rhys Bowen.

Book Looks - For the Book Lover

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 6:30pm If you are part of a book discussion group or if you just love reading, this is a program especially for you! Bring titles of books you enjoyed and we'll do the same. Refreshments will be served.

Cat-A-Log Care: Taming the Library Catalog

Feb. 28, Mon. at 1pm Learn the secrets of searching the catalog to access your library account, request materials, and make lists of materials for your personal use.

ST. JOHN BRANCH

9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Sit & Stitch

Feb. 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm A casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans to knit, crochet, and chat.

Stamp Class

Feb. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Big Screen Musical

Feb. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm *For Me and My Gal* stars Gene Kelly opposite Judy Garland. Running Time: 104 minutes.

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Children's Programing

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Central Library

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnli.htm or call 769-3541, ext. 360.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Feb. 7 & 21, Mon. at 10am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy and participate in stories, music, finger play, and other activities.

Celebrating Black History Month

Feb. 7, Mon. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families are invited to watch the movie *Ruby Bridges*. This movie is based on the true story of Ruby Bridges, an African American girl who, in 1960 at the age of 6, helped to integrate an elementary school in New Orleans. Runtime: 90 minutes.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays and music activities.

Gaming Night

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12-17 year olds, are invited to play *Wii* and *PlayStation 2* games, eat snacks, and have a fun time.

Story Time for 4 and 5 Year olds

Feb. 14 & 28, Mon. at 1pm Stories, music, and crafts will make this a fun time for preschoolers while they learn to interact with other children and experience time away from parents.

Fun With Duct Tape

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families will have a fun night hearing stories, eating snacks, and making a cool duct tape craft.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

To online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Valentine's Day Fun

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in kindergarten and up will celebrate Valentine's Day with a story or two and a special craft.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Indoor Winter Party

Feb. 16, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will enjoy stories, indoor ice skating, games, and snacks.

February 21-Presidents' Day-2011

ALL branches of the Lake County Public Library

will observe normal operating hours.



Griffith Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Pre-School Story Hour

Feb. 1 & 15, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, games, finger play, and a quick craft all about shadows.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Feb. 2 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 2 to 3, will enjoy stories, games, finger play, and a quick craft all about shadows.

Halfway Day Celebration

Feb. 2, Wed. at 3:30pm Grab your beach towel and celebrate, winter is halfway over! We will play beach volleyball, make a beach collage, and have a sunny snack.

Kids Cook Dessert

Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24, Thurs. at 4pm Children in kindergarten to 6th grade will learn how to make fudge, toffee cookie bars, cherry pie in the microwave, and how to make ice cream without an ice cream freezer. There is an \$8.00 fee to cover the cost of ingredients (\$2.00 per week).

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Feb. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy 'all about me' stories featuring Mother Goose rhymes and music.

Lego Mania

Feb. 21, Mon. at 1pm Children in grades kindergarten through 6th can spend the afternoon building with the library's Legos.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Pre-School Story Hour

Feb. 1 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities.

Amazing Legos

Feb. 3, Thurs. at 4:30pm Make and display your own Lego creations made with library Legos! All supplies, including snacks, will be provided. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection!

Mother Goose on the Loose

Feb. 4 & 18, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Snack & Plan

Feb. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Happy Valentine's Day! Pre-School Story Hour

Feb. 8, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities during this special story time.

Duct Tape Mania

Feb. 8 & 9, Tues. at 4pm Teens, 11 & older, -A variety of colors of tape will be on hand to make duct tape creations. All materials and refreshments will be supplied.

Toddler Time

Feb. 10 & 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more!

Duct Tape Drama

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy silly stories, games, and crafts using duct tape!

Games Galore - Chess & More!

Feb. 15, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade - Play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games and snacks will be provided.

Love Stinks Chocolate GameFest

Feb. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Teens, 11 & older - Celebrate 'Unvalentine's Day' with less romantic activities, including fear factor games, creating chocolate plastic, and making your own candy and other treats to eat and take home.

GameFest

Feb. 23, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 & older - Play a variety of PlayStation & Wii games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food & Pop will be provided.

Grimm & Glittery - Fairies for All!

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games and a craft about fairies - both the sparkly, beautiful kind and the more dangerous ones!

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Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.

Lego Club

Feb. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children are invited to use their imagination and creativity to build new Lego projects.

6 Months to 23 Months

Feb. 8, Tues. at 10:30am and Feb. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy a thirty minutes program filled with stories, songs, and other activities.

4s & 5s

Feb. 8 & 15, Tues. at 1:30pm or Feb. 9 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am This is approximately 1 hour filled with stories, songs, activities, a craft and a film for 4 and 5 year old children.

Making Memories

Feb. 8 through Mar. 8, Tues. at 5pm This is a 5-week program co-sponsored by the South Shore Arts. Each week a different presenter discusses an aspect of the arts: poetry, theater, book illustration, and the symphony. Each family will complete a memory book and receive a weekly book. This is for children in grades three through six. A light snack will be provided

2s & 3s

Feb. 9, Wed. at 1:30pm This is approximately 30 minutes for toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, with a caregiver and is filled with stories, songs and activities.

Family Valentine's Day

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm This will be approximately 1 hour and will include stories, songs, activities, and a craft for families with children 3 through 7 years of age.

Young Readers

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm School age children (11 years of age and older) are invited to discuss and review books they have read. The 'Young Readers' will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Participants can earn volunteer hours. Refreshments will be served.

2s & 3s

Feb. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Feb. 16, Wed. at 1:30pm This is approximately 40 minutes and includes stories, songs, and activities for 2 and 3 year old toddlers.

Chess Knight

Feb. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm School age children have the opportunity to play the game of chess. Bring a friend and learn new strategies!

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sjj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Feb. 1 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories & participate in music, finger plays and other activities.

Story Time for 4, 5, & 6 Year Olds

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or Feb. 9 & 23, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts & other activities.

Creative Hands: Fun with Art Workshop

Feb. 8, Tues. at 4pm & Feb. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month, young artists will explore different ways to create art.

Family Story Time

Feb. 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts and other activities.



2011 READ a THON

"Readers Are Winners"

Time is winding down. There is still time to gather your pledges and read, read, read! Check out the list of prizes available below. Follow the listed rules and find out why Readers are Winners.

Lake County Public Library Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization, formed by people who are concerned about the quality of library service in this community. The Foundation promotes fundraising drives like the READaTHON to help buy books, magazines, videos, and other library materials. The money raised is invested, and only the interest is spent to benefit the library. Thus, money raised today will keep giving for years to come.

READaTHON Prizes

For Turning in:

\$1 to \$19.99
\$20 to \$39.99
\$40 to \$69.99
\$70 to \$99.99
\$100 and over

You will Receive:

An Award Ribbon
10" Trophy
12" Trophy
15" Trophy
20" Trophy

Each branch library will recognize the top eight students who raise the most money in their community schools.

1st place - \$50 gift card to a bookstore

2nd place - \$25 gift card to a bookstore

3rd through 8th place - \$10 gift certificate to a bookstore

***To be eligible for prizes, participants must abide by READaTHON Rules as stated below.**

READaTHON Rules

1. The READaTHON is open to all children from preschoolers through eighth grade.
2. Participants must read at their own reading level. Books may be borrowed from the school or public library. Books read for other reading programs may be counted for the READaTHON, but books read for school assignments or prior to **January 10, 2011**, may not be counted.
3. Books read to children in first grade or below may be counted.
4. Permission forms must be signed by a parent and returned to the school office, school librarian, or local branch library.
5. In order to be eligible for prizes, all Sponsor/Booklist Record envelopes and monies collected **MUST** be returned to the school librarian or local branch library no later than **March 4, 2011**.
6. The school and child raising the most money overall will be notified.
7. A service fee will be charged on returned checks.
8. Please make checks payable to: **Lake County Public Library Foundation**

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Be a Winner-READ!

Feathered Friends Family Fun!

Feb. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will hear & participate in stories and other activities about birds. They will also make bird feeders, special bird food, & paint with feathers.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm 2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Feb. 1 & 15, Tues. at 6:30pm or Feb. 2 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 months to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

The College Admissions Process

Feb. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join Maureen Harangody of Valparaiso University for an informational session on the College Admission Process for high school seniors and their parents. Topics covered include: the application process; the essay; test scores; private vs. public universities and sources for scholarships and financial aid.

Family Story Hour

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with preschool children, 3-6 years old, will listen to stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and complete a simple craft with a valentine theme.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

Feb. 9, Wed. at 10:30am or Feb. 10, Thurs. at 1pm Preschool children, age 4-6 years, will listen to stories, sing songs, and complete a simple craft with a valentine theme.

Lego Club

Feb. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will make creations based on a monthly theme and share their creations with the group. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection!

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Feb. 14, Mon. at 10:30am 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will enjoy special Valentine's Day stories, active songs, and a yummy valentine treat.

Crafty Kids Club

Feb. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm Crafty kids meet monthly to create different free projects. Check the display in the library to see what this month's selections are.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

Feb. 23, Wed. at 10:30am or Feb. 24, Thurs. at 1pm Preschool children, age 4-6 years will enjoy humorous stories, songs, and activities about feeling under the weather and getting well.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Feb. 28, Mon. at 10:30am 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will celebrate their growing size and independence with stories, active songs, and related activities.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

A Valentine's Pre-School Story Hour

Feb. 8, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5), in this hour-long program, will hear Valentine's Day stories, songs, finger plays and make a valentine craft.

Tweens: Valentine Sugar Cookies

Feb. 8, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (ages 9-13) will make sugar cookies. The tweens had such a fun time making sugar cookies previously that, by request, we are doing it again, just in time for Valentine's Day!

Mother Goose on the Loose

Feb. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (birth to 23 months with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour interactive program, stories, songs, finger plays, and nursery rhymes.

Hello Cupcake: Sweet Talk

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6pm All members of the family are invited to use author Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books as we will learn how to make conversation heart cupcakes just in time for Valentine's Day. Each family needs to bring two cans of vanilla frosting. The rest of the supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

A Valentine's Toddler Story Time

Feb. 10, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 along with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour program, stories,

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songs, finger plays, and nursery rhymes. They will also make a valentine craft.

Evening Pajama Movie: Toy Story 3

Feb. 15, Tues. at 6pm The library will present the movie, *Toy Story 3*. Children are invited to wear their pajamas, bring a blanket, a pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Hobart Tri-Kappa Sorority Pre-School Story Hour

Feb. 22, Tues. at 1pm Hobart Tri Kappa is sponsoring this preschool story hour. Children will hear stories, songs, finger plays, make a craft, and enjoy refreshments!

Drawing Adventures

Feb. 22, Tues. at 6pm School-age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, are invited to come and draw to their heart's content. We will have a variety of drawing supplies available for use as well as a selection of books on different kinds of drawing.

Hello Cupcake: Chinese Takeout

Feb. 23, Wed. at 6pm Using author Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books, all members of the family are invited to learn how to make Chinese takeout cupcakes. Each family needs to bring two cans of vanilla frosting and green sprinkles. The rest of the supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Toddler Story Time

Feb. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 along with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour program, stories, songs, and finger plays. They will also make a simple craft.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lcncj.htm or call 962-2409.

Friendship Pal

Feb. 9, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will make 'friendship pals' to share with a friend on Valentine's Day.

Tween Time

Feb. 16, Wed. at 6pm Children age 10 - 12 years will make no sew pillows for Valentine's Day.

Family Story Time

Feb. 23, Wed. at 6pm Families are invited to participate in a family story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Feb. 2 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development.

Checkmate Drugs

Cancelled

Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24, Thurs. at 5-6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to the library for a chess series presented by the Indiana National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program. All chess players, beginning through advanced, are invited to attend this program to learn how to play chess. No experience is necessary and chess sets will be provided.

Fantastic 4s & 5s

Feb. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Hula in the Coola

Feb. 9, Wed. at 4:30pm Children currently in kindergarten or older will escape the winter doldrums and laugh at the cold with a luau party. Games and a craft will be included.

Terrific 2s & 3s

Feb. 14 & 28, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Help, I'm Stranded!

Feb. 23, Wed. at 4:30pm Children currently in kindergarten or older will be stranded on an island and go on the hunt just like the characters in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* and Johann Weiss' *Swiss Family Robinson*. Games and a craft will be included.

HAPPENINGS @ your library

LETTER KNOWLEDGE



Letter Knowledge is one of the six essential early literacy skills your child must know in order to learn to read. Letter knowledge is knowing that letters look different from each other and that the same letter can look different ways. It is also knowing the sounds of letters. It is never too early to start teaching Letter Knowledge:

Help your baby and toddler begin to recognize differences between things. Young children learn through their senses—touching, feeling, tasting, as well as seeing and hearing. Give your baby opportunities to feel different textures and shapes. Ask, “What feels the same? What feels different?”

Use specific names for things, such as cat and kitten, so that your child understands differences between things.

Children learn shapes before letters, so help them learn first that shapes are different from each other and then what each shape is called. Use books and everyday objects to teach shapes. Have fun trying to make a shape, like a circle, with your whole body!

Reading alphabet books to your child is a great way to expose her to letters. Don't quiz your child about the letters—just point them out as

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Karin Olsen
Assistant Librarian Hobart Branch Library

POT O' GOLD

March is one of my favorite months of the year. It is about green shamrocks, lucky leprechauns, and rainbows with pots of gold. It is a time when we are fortunately moving towards spring! Also, as a children's librarian, it is a time when I love pulling out books on Irish folk and fairy tales, stories, music, and crafts.

This month, you might want to check out what we have on Ireland. There are classic and contemporary Irish movies, travel books and films, Celtic music, Irish folk and fairytales, fiction by Irish authors, Irish home, gardening, and decorating books, as well as St. Patrick's Day programs.

A few of the beautiful books on Irish homes are: *The Irish Home, Eclectic and Unique Interiors* (728.09415 RUTH) by Ianthe Ruthven, *Romantic Irish Homes* (728.3709415 OBYR) by Robert O'Byrne, and *Irish Country* (747.29 HEUE) by Ann Rooney Heuer.

Due to Central Library's remodeling project, the Gardening Series will be suspended this year. Keep an eye out for gardening programs at our branches throughout the year!

For those interested in Irish cooking, there is *The Irish Kitchen, Ingredients, Techniques, and over 70 Traditional and Authentic Recipes* (641.59415 WHIT) by Biddy White Lennon and Georgina Campbell.



In the world of travel, we have *The Everything Travel Guide to Ireland, From Dublin to Galway and Cork to Donegal – a complete guide to the Emerald Isle* (914.1504 HOLL). A nice feature of this book is that

it includes a variety of travel itineraries, ranging from five days to three weeks long. A couple of other interesting travel books are *Tour Ireland with Pat Sloan* (746.46041 SLOA) and *Ancient Ireland, An Explorer's Guide*, (936.15 MEAG), by Robert Emmet Meagher and Elizabeth Parker Neave.

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Some great Irish Films are: *The Matchmaker*, *My Left Foot*, *Once*, *The Eclipse*, *Waking Ned Devine*, *The Commitments*, *The Snapper*, and *The Crying Game*.

Two prolific Irish authors are Maeve Binchy who wrote *Light a Penny Candle* and *Circle of Friends*, among others, and Roddy Doyle who has authored *The Commitment*, *The Snapper*, *The Van*, *The Woman Who Walked into Doors*, and *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*.

For authentic Celtic music, check out The Chieftains, Clannad, Enya, and Loreena McKennitt.

Treat your children to our many children's programs! Children gain crucial early-childhood skills by hearing stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, making crafts, and socializing with other children. St. Patrick's Day children's books I recommend are *Jack and the Leprechaun* (P Robe) by Ivan Robertson, *The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day Ever!* (P Slat) by Teddy Slater, *St. Patrick's Day Crafts* (Juv 745.5941 GNOJ) by Carol Gnojewski, and *Crafts for St. Patrick's Day* (745.594 ROSS) by Kathy Ross.

Books, non-fiction dvd's, music CD's, audiobooks, and magazines can be ordered from other branches in our library system. It usually only takes a day or two for them to arrive. Simply ask us if you need any help! Enjoy a wonderful March!

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you are reading. Your child will be most interested in the first letter of his name so be sure to point that out when you come to it.

Point out letters and sounds wherever you go—especially the letter that begins your child's first name.

Research shows that children benefit from learning the letter and its sound at the same time. When you are teaching letters to your preschooler, say, "This is the letter _____ and it makes this sound _____."

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 **Reader's Advisor Y**

INDIAN AFFAIRS

"ASK"
I am a member of a non-profit group. We heard that the library could help us create a website. Can you help me with that?

Go to the library's home site (www.lcpln.org) and scroll down until you see the "LakeNet" link. Click on that and then look for the "Free websites for non-profits" link in the column on the left. Clicking on that will give you all the information you need to move forward. You may also email Lynn Jackson at ljackson@lcpln.org for more information.

Staff Recommends

A Cold Day for Murder by Dana Stabenow

"A good debut mystery in the Kate Shugak series. A tough, independent female investigator tangles with the bad guys and her native Aleut culture in wild Alaska."

BAS/Reference

Lost States: True Stories of Texlahoma, Transylvania, and Other States That Never Made It

by Michael J. Trinklein

This book could be shelved not only in the Geography section, but also in the Humor area. I was completely surprised at how funny Trinklein is (think Dave Barry). A quick read, but very informative. Trinklein takes us through an alphabetical listing of states that 'could have been.' Interestingly, many of these proposed states might have been on the map if not for one thing holding it back—population. Many smaller areas of one state disagreed with politics or lifestyles going on in a larger area of the same state and so wished to disassociate themselves and go it alone. Congress wouldn't have it. Besides land in the Continental U.S., Trinklein also gives examples of far-off islands and European countries that never made it to statehood. More information can be found from the author's blog <http://loststates.blogspot.com/>. The New Yorker describes it as 'fascinating and funny!'"

RB/Reference

The Healing of America:

A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care

by T. R. Reid

"The author, a correspondent for The Washington Post, took other First World countries to investigate how they manage to provide health care as good as or better than ours for all their citizens at a price far less than what we pay."

LP/Reference

CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

1919 W. 81ST AVE.
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410
769-3541

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-cnlj.htm or you may call the library directly at extension 360.

BOOKreMARKS Online

Mar. 1 to 31 To join the discussion of *Montana 1948: A Novel* by Larry Watson, send an email to remarks@lcpl.in.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpl.in.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Fighting the Flu

Mar. 1, Tues. at 1pm Nursing students from Ivy Tech will discuss ways to help prevent the common cold and flu.

Blood Pressure Screening

Mar. 2, Wed. from 10:30- 11:30am Provided by Old Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Mar. 2, Wed. at 2pm Beginners will learn to use the computer mouse effectively; Ext. 346.

English as a Second Language

Mar. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, Mon. & Wed. 6:30pm Learn to speak English or to improve your current language skills. Ext. 309

Great Decisions

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic for discussion is U.S. National Security; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Mar. 9, Wed. at 2pm Learn to find information on the internet; Ext. 346.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 2pm and Mar. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Make handmade greeting cards and more. There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali; Ext. 340.

2nd Friday of the Month Club

Mar. 11, Fri. at 9:30am This month's presentation, co-sponsored with Centier Bank Advantage Club, will be the Hoosier Bat Company, "Get into the Swing of Things." Refreshments served. Call (219) 755-6140, ext. 1839 for details.

Knitting Class

Mar. 11, Fri. at 11am For beginners and those needing to improve their skills; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Library Catalog

Mar. 16, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate, place requests, and renew library materials; Ext. 346.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm Get ready to laugh with Mary-Janice Davidson's *Undead and Unwed*; Ext. 389.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

Mar. 23, Wed. at 2pm In this fourth session practice what has been learned with the assistance of an instructor; Ext. 346.

Healing with Laughter Yoga

Mar. 23, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a special yoga class with laughing techniques; Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Mar. 25, Fri. at 10am Informational and interactive session to understand the process of progressive dementias. Please register by calling Alzheimer's Services of Northwest Indiana toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Mar. 25, Fri. at Noon Social Worker Ruth Ann Schaller will speak on behaviors of Alzheimer's and dementia. Please register by calling Alzheimer's Services of Northwest Indiana toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

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5921 W. 25TH AVE.
GARY, IN 46406
844-8809

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.
GARY, IN 46408
980-5180

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ff.htm

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Buddies

Mar. 28, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts about *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.
GRIFFITH, IN 46319
838-2825

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Readers

Mar. 8, Tues. at 7pm *The Fetch* by Chris Humphreys.

Mystery Loves Company

Mar. 14, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts about *What Was Lost* by Catherine O'Flynn.

Stampin' with Jolanda

Mar. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

Mar. 28, Mon. at 1pm or Mar. 29, Tues. at 7pm Discussion of *Run* by Ann Patchett.

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REMINDER

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m.

Set your clocks one (1) hour ahead.

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10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Computer Class: Using the Library Catalog Online

Mar. 1, Tues. at 1pm Learn to use the online catalog to locate materials, request items, and renew what is checked out.

Computer Class: Genealogy Basics

Mar. 3, Thurs. at 1pm Learn to use the Library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases to find ancestors.

Computer Class: E-Mail Basics

Mar. 3, Thurs. at 6:30pm Set up a free e-mail account, learn how to send and receive email, and how to use attachments.

Snack & Plan

Mar. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs.

History On Film: Pilgrim Route

Mar. 8, Tues. at 2pm Video series on the diversity of Spain's people, history, architecture, and landscapes.

Crafting Mania: Teen Tech Week

Mar. 8, Tues. & Mar. 9, Wed. both at 4pm Teens are invited to create computer art and make cracked wax designs or salt paintings. All materials provided.

Knitting Class

Mar. 14 & 21, Mon. at 7pm Beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

Books & Chat

Mar. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski.

Goin' Green

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to celebrate luck, the Irish, and St. Patrick's Day.

Diabetes

Mar. 19, Sat. at 11am Michael Condon, DC offers ways to control diabetes, reduce glucose, and improve blood sugar levels.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home: New Hampshire

Mar. 22, Tues. at 2pm Quintessential New England is reflected in charming and historic Portsmouth.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

History Video

Mar. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm The history and restoration of French Lick Springs Hotel, an Indiana historical landmark.

Tuesday Fiction Book Discussion

Mar. 8, Tues. at 2pm *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police Department Community Crime Watch meeting is open to all Highland residents.

Crossroads

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am The Chaconettes, a women's choir directed by Ruth Smith, is featured in this free program. Please call 972-7353 for further information and to register.

Travelogue - Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial

Mar. 14, Mon. at 2pm and 6:30pm Slide show of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum created by an act of the Polish parliament, July 2, 1947.

Stamp Camp

Mar. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 2pm *Home Another Way* by Christa Parrish.

Gardening: Organic Vegetables

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener, William Tobin will discuss how to plan and care for an organic vegetable garden.

Armchair Travelers: Cruise Mexico

Mar. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Explore the warm waters, hot beaches, culture, and history of Mexico.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Stress

Mar. 23, Wed. at 2pm Louise Thompson of the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana offers advice for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients.

Mystery Book Discussion

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Tana French's *In the Woods*.

Classics on the Big Screen

Mar. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Fiddler on the Roof*, a based on the Broadway musical, stars Topol as Tevye.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Travel the World: Ireland, Scotland, Wales & More

Mar. 1, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers through the charming British Isles.

Hello Cupcake

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6pm Using Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books everyone is invited to make rubber ducky cupcakes. Please bring two cans of vanilla frosting.

Movie Night: From Book to Big Screen

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 6pm View *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*, based on Bryan O'Malley's graphic novels.

Book Chat

Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah.

Stamp Camp

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, to cover the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Hello Cupcake

Mar. 23, Wed. at 6pm Using Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books everyone is invited to make shark attack cupcakes. Please bring two cans of vanilla frosting and a box of Twinkies.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

Mar. 3, Thurs. at 10:30am *It Happens Every Spring* by Gary Chapman & Catherine. Registration is not required.

One-On-One Computer Classes

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
336-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Crossroads: What About Indiana's Cemeteries?

Mar. 2, Wed. at 1:30pm Jeannie R. Reagan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, will discuss the state of cemeteries in Indiana.

Independent Film

Mar. 8, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Arranged* is for mature audiences; not rated; adults only; running time 89 min. [cc]

Terrariums

Mar. 9, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Zahida Saleem will demonstrate how to set up a terrarium in your home.

Explore Washington, D.C.

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Tour Washington's historical and cultural treasures.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Mar. 21, Mon. at 1:30pm Learn the basics of using a computer.

Computer Class: Library Catalog 101

Mar. 22, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn how to check your account, place holds, and search for materials through the online catalog.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Mar. 23, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn how to find a myriad of information on the Internet.

Blood Pressure Screening

Mar. 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Camel Bookmobile* by Marsha Hamilton.

Great Books Discussion

Mar. 31, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *Politics* by Aristotle, from *The Second Series of Great Books*.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Independent Film Series

Mar. 7, Mon. at 1pm *August The First* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In English. This film is not closed captioned.

Stamp Class

Mar. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Wii FOR SENIORS

Mar. 9, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of gaming on *Wii* sports. Refreshments will be served.

Library Tea

Mar. 14, Mon. at Noon Join us for a look at books and other material available for the upcoming spring season. Refreshments will be served. No registration required.

Book Looks for Book Lovers

Mar. 16, Wed. at 10:30am If you are part of a book discussion group or if you just love reading, this is a program especially for you. Bring the titles of books you enjoyed and we'll do the same.

Veteran's Benefits

Mar. 16, Wed. at 2pm In cooperation with the Alzheimer's Association of Greater IN, The Veterans Aid & Attendance program, presented by Don Schultz of the Veteran Service Office for Lake County, provides tax-free income to veterans and their spouses to pay numerous health care and other services. Families and professionals are invited. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged, call 800-272-3900 to reserve your space or for additional information.

Virtual Tourists

Mar. 16, Wed. at 7pm Explore the island state of Hawaii.

Between the Lines Book Club

Mar. 23, Wed. at 7pm or Mar. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Sit & Stitch

Mar. 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project for conversation and fun to this casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans.

Stamp Class

Mar. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Big Screen Musical

Mar. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm *Fun in Acapulco* with Elvis Presley and Ursula Andress. Running Time: 90 minutes

Wii FOR SENIORS

Mar. 23, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of gaming on *Wii* sports. Refreshments will be served.

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The Lake County Public Library Foundation
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11th Annual Literary Tea
“First Ladies from the Midwest”

Saturday, April 9
at 1 p.m.



Central Library's
Lower Level Meeting Room
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville (US 30)

The event includes a full afternoon tea with appetizers, finger sandwiches, desserts, and a full compliment of teas for \$18 per person. In addition there will be a raffle filled with an assortment of unique and lovely prizes.

This year's entertainment will be Public Historian Cynthia Ogorek, who holds a Master's Degree in History from Purdue University and will present a fascinating look at wives of U. S. presidents from the Midwest.

For more information and to purchase tickets call the library at 219-769-3541, ext. 315.

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It's Oink Day!

Mar. 1, Tues. at 4pm School age children will celebrate National Pig Day as we read stories with our favorite pig characters, learn some pig facts, make a pig craft, and have pancakes for a snack.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Mar. 7 & 21, Mon. at 10am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy and participate in stories, music, finger play, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10am Babies and Toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Mardi Gras

Mar. 8, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will celebrate Mardi Gras by reading books about the holiday, making Mardi Gras floats, having a snack, and a Mardi Gras parade.

Gaming Night

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12-17 year olds, will play and compete at *Wii* and *Playstation 2* games. Snacks will be served.

4 & 5 Year Olds Story Time

Mar. 15 & 29, Tues. at 10am 4 and 5 year olds will enjoy stories, songs, and crafts during this one hour story time.

Art in the Afternoon

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families are invited to celebrate art and music through stories, games, and crafts.

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Sunday, March 13

at 2 a.m.

Be sure to adjust your clocks.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

To online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Slithering Snakes

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten and up will make a snake to take home after listening to a story about St. Patrick and the snakes in Ireland.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Afternoon Movie

Mar. 30, Wed. at 2pm Looking for something fun to do during spring break? School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, are invited to the library to watch a newly released movie and enjoy some munchies! Registration is not required.

Griffith Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Pre-School Story Hour

Mar. 1, Tues. at 1pm or Mar. 2, Wed. at 10:30am Children, ages 3 to 5, will learn about the dish that ran away with the spoon, play games, learn finger play, and complete a quick craft.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Mar. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy stories about the farm featuring Mother Goose rhymes and music.

Welcome Robin

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will construct a paper robin after listening to the story of *Round Robin*.

Pre-School Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Mar. 15, Tues. at 1pm Children, 4 to 5 years of age, will hear shhh-quiet stories, play games, and complete a quick craft to take home.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Mar. 16, Wed. at 10:30am Children, 2 to 3 years of age, will hear shhh-quiet stories, play games, and complete a quick craft to take home. Parents are welcome to join the children.

Chromotrope Toy

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 3:30pm Bizzy Bones is frightened by strong winds. After hearing his story, school age children, kindergarten to 5th grade, will make a humming spinner.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Pre-School Story Hour

Mar. 1 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mar. 4 & 18, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Snack & Plan

Mar. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Crafting Mania: Picture This! Celebrate Teen Tech Week

Mar. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens, 11 & older, can create basic computer art with library computers. Design cracked wax designs or salt paintings, too. Then make a frame for your designs. All materials and snacks will be provided.



Toddler Time

Mar. 10 & 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

Racing Dogs!

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games, and a craft about the Iditarod dog race in Alaska.

Games Galore – Chess & More

Mar. 15, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, are invited to play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games and snacks will be provided.

Goin' Green

Mar. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Teens, 11 & older, will celebrate luck, the Irish, and St. Patrick's Day with games, snacks, and prizes! There will also be a chance to create a magic trick of your own and prepare some green food, too! Yum!

Amazing Legos

Mar. 22, Tues. at 4pm Make and display your own Lego designs made with library Legos! All supplies and snacks will be provided. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection!

Lotsa Chocolate!

Mar. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games, and a craft as we celebrate American Chocolate Week!

Animal Fair Family Fun

Mar. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy stories and activities about a variety of animals, from worms to bears and more! Bring a favorite stuffed animal and we will make matching hats for you and your stuffed pet!



Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mar. 1 & 15, Tues. at 6:30pm or Mar. 2 & 16, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 months to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

Family Story Hour

Mar. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm or Mar. 9, Wed. 10:30am Join in this Green Grab Bag program! Children ages 4 to 6 and their families will enjoy green (the color) stories and activities.

Fabulous 4s, 5s, and 6s

Mar. 9, Wed. at 10:30am or Mar. 10, Thurs. at 1pm Join in this Green Grab Bag program! Children, ages 4 to 6, will enjoy green (the color) stories and activities.

The Lego Club

Mar. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will construct based on a monthly theme; then share their creations with the group. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. Please register. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like to donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Mar. 14, Mon. at 10:30am 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will enjoy "colorful" stories, active songs, and create a colorful craft together.

Crafty Kids Club

Mar. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm Crafty kids, kindergarten and older, are invited to meet monthly and create different free projects. Check the display in the library to see what this month's selections are.

Family Story Hour

Mar. 22, Tues. at 6:30pm All Aboard! Children, ages 2 to 7, and their families will enjoy stories and activities about trains.

Highland Branch...continued

Fabulous 4s, 5s, and 6s

Mar. 23, Wed. at 10:30am or Mar. 24, Thurs. at 1pm All Aboard! Children ages 4 to 6 and their families will enjoy stories and activities about trains.

Teen Gaming

Mar. 26, Sat. at 2pm Teens and tweens, 5th to 12th grade, will enjoy playing computer games, *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Mar. 28, Mon. at 10:30am 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories and active songs about trains, as well as create a train craft together.



HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

A Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration!

Mar. 1, Tues. at 6pm In recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will read a Dr. Seuss story, enjoy green eggs and ham, and a Dr. Seuss birthday cake.

A St. Patrick's Day Pre-School Story Hour

Mar. 8, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5), in this hour-long program, will hear Leprechaun stories, sing songs, participate in finger plays, and make a St. Patrick's Day craft.

Tween Program: Create Your Own Magnets

Mar. 8, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (9-13 years of age) are invited to create magnets. We will have some decorative paper on hand to place behind the round glass magnets. Please bring any small pictures or other kinds of decorative paper that you want to use. Refreshments will be provided.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mar. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (birth to 23 months of age with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour interactive program, stories, songs, finger plays, and nursery rhymes.

Hello Cupcake: Rubber Ducky

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6pm Using author Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books we will learn how to make rubber ducky cupcakes. Each family needs to bring two cans of vanilla frosting. The rest of the supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Toddler Story Time

Mar. 10 & 24, Thurs. at 10:15am & 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Evening Pajama Movie: *Nanny McPhee Returns*

Mar. 15, Tues. at 6pm We will be showing the movie *Nanny McPhee Returns*, starring Emma Thompson. Children are invited to wear their pajamas, bring a blanket, pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

A Spring Pre-School Story Hour

Mar. 22, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5), in this hour-long program, will hear spring stories, songs, finger plays, and make a spring craft.

Hello Cupcake: Shark Attack

Mar. 23, Wed. at 6pm Using author Karen Tacks' *Hello Cupcake* books we will learn how to make shark attack cupcakes. Each family needs to bring two cans of vanilla frosting and a box of Twinkies. The rest of the supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Drawing Adventures

Mar. 29, Tues. at 6pm School-age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, are invited to come and draw to their heart's content. We will have a variety of drawing supplies available for use as well as a selection of books on different kinds of drawing.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lencj.htm or call 962-2409.

Spring Hats

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will create their own hat to celebrate spring.

Tween Time

Mar. 16, Wed. at 6pm Tweens, age 10 - 12 years, will make bean bag bunnies. Each participant will need to bring a child's sock to complete this project.

Family Story Time

Mar. 23, Wed. at 6pm Families are invited to participate in a family story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.



Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mar. 2, 16, 30, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. You may come early to play with toys, but clean up is strictly at 10:30.

Fantastic 4s & 5s

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Food Factor: Are You Brave Enough?

Mar. 9, Wed. at 4:30pm Participants (children in kindergarten through 6th grade) will experiment with food and science. Stories, games, and a craft will be included.

Lego Building

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 6pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will construct based on a monthly theme then share their creations with the group. Please register. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection.

Terrific 2s & 3s

Mar. 14 & 28, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers (2 and 3 year olds) a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own.

How To Train Your Dragon

Mar. 25, Fri. at 2pm Based on the book by Cressida Cowell, this action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding traditions of heroic dragon slayers. Hiccup's world is turned upside down when he encounters a dragon that challenges he and fellow Vikings to see the world from an entirely different point of view. This film for school age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) is rated PG and has a running time of 98 minutes.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.

The Lego Club

Mar. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program centered on a theme. School age children, kindergarten and up, use their creativity to build original designs. Legos are supplied.

6 to 23 Months

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. or Mar. 10, both at 10:30am This is a 30 minute program with stories, songs, finger plays and activities. Infants and toddlers (6 to 23 months of age) must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

4s & 5s

Mar. 8 & 15, Tues. at 1:30pm or Mar. 9, 16, & 23, Wed. at 10:30am This is an hour long program filled with stories, songs, activities, a craft, and film for pre-school age children.

2s & 3s

Mar. 9 & 16, Wed. at 1:30pm This is approximately a 35 minute program geared toward 2 and 3 year old children accompanied by an adult caregiver. It is filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Family Spring Time Story Time

Mar. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm This is an hour program filled with stories, songs, a craft, and a film for families with children from 2 to 5 years of age.

Young Readers

Mar. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program where the teens and tweens review books they have read. Refreshments will be served and volunteer hours can be earned.

Library Tea

Mar. 14, Mon. at Noon Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us for a look at books and other material available for the upcoming spring season. Refreshments will be served.

2s & 3s

Mar. 15, Tues. at 10:30am This is approximately a 35 minute program geared toward 2 and 3 year old children accompanied by an adult caregiver. It is filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Chess Knight

Mar. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Children are invited to have fun playing chess with friends. This program will be held on the fourth Monday of each month.

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sjj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Mar. 1 & 15, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Story Time for 4, 5 & 6 Year Olds

Mar. 8 & 22, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 9 & 23, Wed. at 1:30pm Children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Creative Hands: Fun With Art Workshop

Mar. 8, Tues. at 4pm and/or Mar. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month, young artists (kindergarten to 5th grade) will explore different ways to create art.

Family Story Time

Mar. 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



HAPPENINGS @ your library

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Susan Killin
Reference Librarian, Central Library

Phonological Awareness, being able to hear the sounds in letters and words is an essential early literacy skill. You can help your child at home. Play games that focus on different letter sounds. For example, you can start with a game that emphasizes the letter 'm.' Say three words. Only one of them has the 'm' sound in it. It is easier to hear the first sound in a word, so start with 'm' as the first sound. Try a poem such as this:

I hear, with my little ear, the sound 'm'.
Tight...light...might rice...mice...dice
my...sky...high

Your child can hear the 'm' sound at the beginning of the word, try the 'm' at the end of the word.

If this is too hard, play another time. Let your child make up the words and see if you can hear the sounds, too.

There are many activities and books that help teach this important skill. Ask your librarian for suggestions and check out the list of books on the library's website: www.lcpln.org. Click on 'Kids' and then on 'Every Child Ready to Read'. Click on the list of books for 'Phonological Awareness.'

Research shows that children who played with letter and word sounds were better prepared to learn to read when they started school. So have fun with 'Phonological Awareness!'



WHY YOU SHOULD DO GENEALOGY AT LCPL!

Have you seen NBC's genealogy show *Who Do You Think You Are?* <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are> It is an excellent way to experience the thrill of genealogy discoveries.



This year the show is featuring eight stars: Vanessa Williams, Tim McGraw, Rosie O'Donnell, Kim

Cattrall, Gwyneth Paltrow, Steve Buscemi, Lionel Richie, and Ashley Judd. Each dramatic episode is full of surprises. Tim McGraw discovers he is descended from some of the first settlers of the United States and also has a connection to George Washington. Vanessa Williams learns more about her great-great-grandfathers. David Carl was born a free man in 1845 in New York and fought in the Union's 26th regiment in the Civil War, while William A. Fields was born a slave and became a schoolteacher. He later became one of the first African-Americans in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Part of the fun of genealogy is learning about other cultures and traditions and sharing them with your spouse and children. It helps to instill a sense of pride and belonging. Each country has its own special dress, food, scenery, and history. You may want to visit the towns and villages of your ancestors after you discover them. Are you Irish like Rosie O'Donnell or part German like Tim McGraw? Some researchers, like Vanessa Williams, find ancestors who served in the Civil War. Others may find they can belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution or even the Mayflower Society. Tales of ancestors persevering and bravely surviving hardships, as well as stories of their celebrations and special joys,

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...enriches both researchers
and their descendants...

Happenings, April 2011

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help us to know who we are and where we came from. It is the knowing who-you-are feeling that is so important and satisfying.

Other people do genealogy because they love the challenge of solving knotty family tree mysteries. Some genealogists I know get so obsessed with finding their ancestors that they stay up way past their bedtime following the trail of an elusive ancestor. You know you are hooked when all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin." I've talked to genealogists who have climbed every set of courthouse steps in their ancestors' lives trying to resolve every genealogy question. Even though they work their way back to where it is more and more difficult to find information, like the Energizer bunny, they just keep on going. Often they find themselves searching overseas with the same fervent determination. There may be a little of Sherlock Holmes in you too!

As you can see, genealogy is a hobby that enriches both researchers and their descendants. Even if history was not one of your favorite subjects, you'll enjoy the enriching personal history you discover while climbing your family tree. With our genealogy databases, books, and internet access, it is easier than ever to find somebody to add to your family tree. So, you don't have to be a star to begin researching your family tree. Like Ancestry.com says in their commercials, "You really don't have to know what you're looking for. You just have to start looking."



Due to Central Library's remodeling project, the Gardening Series will be suspended this year. Keep an eye out for gardening programs at our branches throughout the year!

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Reader's Advisor Y

RECENTLY DECEASED AUTHORS:

THEIR WORKS LIVE ON

"I've been working on an invention, but I want to make sure there are no existing patents on such an invention. How should I search for this information?"

There are a few websites which should help you in your patent search. You may want to try using Google Patents advanced search: www.google.com/patents?hl=en. There is also the US government patent office: www.uspto.gov.

We also have material at the library which can help guide you through the patent process. Just call 769-3541 or stop by the reference desk.

From the Foundation

With donations made to the Lake County Public Library Foundation we were able to purchase the following Audio Visual materials:

Modern Scholar Courses

Have you ever thought about going back to school? In this current economic recession you may not be able to afford to take classes, but with the Modern Scholar collection you can attend lectures from expert professors on a variety of topics. One of the newest titles available, "The Life and Times of Mark Twain," is given by a Professor from Indiana State University. (Go Sycamores!!). *Not impressed?* How about, "Fundamental Cases: the twentieth-century courtroom battles that changed our nation," by civil liberties lawyer, Alan M Dershowitz? To find a list of all of the Modern Scholar titles, go to "more searches" and in the "Series Key Word(s)" box, type "Modern Scholar."

Required Reading List Audio-books

As a parent, I dread the "by the way" assignment from my kid. "Mom, I was supposed to read the first chapter of '1984' by George Orwell for school tomorrow, but I left my book at school." It's already 9PM and the library is closed. What to do? Have no fear, good parent! The library can still help even though we are closed! **OVERDRIVE.LCPLIN.ORG** is where you can find titles from your school's required reading list. Just scroll all the way to the bottom of the page and click on "Our Schools Recommend." You can download audio-books and e-books free of charge with your library card number and PIN number.

Many thanks to the Lake County Public Library Foundation for the funds used to purchase these worthy titles. To learn more about the Foundation, and the good things they do: <http://www.lcplin.org/about/gifts.htm>

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StoryLovers

Apr. 25, Mon. at 1pm or Apr. 26, Tues. at 7pm Readers will discuss *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach.

The 123 Year Diet

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 6:30pm Learn to use diet and nutrition to max out your healthy years; 10 action points to increase your lifespan.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Steppin' Out

Apr. 1, Fri. at 3pm Learn and practice basic steps for a variety line dances! Refreshments served.

Snack & Plan

Apr. 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of the library's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) plan programs for teens and younger kids.

Life On Film: The Way We Get By

Apr. 12, Tues. at 2pm This documentary is the incredible story of three WWII veterans who meet and greet soldiers at the airport as they leave and return from Iraq.

Teens Tie Dye

Apr. 12, Tues. & Apr. 13, Wed. at 4pm Teens create tie dye t-shirts and socks. All materials—and snacks—provided.

Books & Chat

Apr. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

It's Spring Break!

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 4pm Teens can play electronic games, make munchies, paint, tie-dye, and recycle.

Family Fun Night: Hilarity @ The Library

Apr. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Celebrate National Humor month with games, funny stories, and silly foods and crafts! LOL @ the library!!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home: The Garden of Eden

Apr. 26, Tues. at 2pm Enjoy a travelogue of the Seychesses via the library's cinematic screen.

Teen GameFest

Apr. 27, Wed. at 3pm Play a variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games. Food and drinks will be provided.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

History Video

Apr. 4, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm A biography film on R.H. Macy will be shown on the library's cinematic screen; refreshments served.

The 123 Year Diet

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 6:30pm Adults and teens are invited to find out how to use diet and nutrition to max out their healthy years.

National Library Week – Create Your Own Story

Apr. 11 to 16, Mon. through Sat. Submit an entry for a chance to win a "Reader's Gift Bag." The drawing is on Saturday, the 16th. No registration is required.

Fiction Discussion

Apr. 12, Tues. at 2pm Copies of *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick are available at the circulation desk. Registration is not required.

Crossroads

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am The Art Institute of Chicago presents *Objects of Art from the Museum's Collection, and the People who Contributed to its Growth during the First 100 Years* in two sessions. Session 2 will be held at the Munster Library on May 4th at 1:30 PM. Co-sponsored by First Financial Bank please call 972-7353 to register for this free program.

Veteran's Benefits

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6pm A Veteran's Service Officer for Lake County, IN will provide an informational program for local veterans on their benefits.

Armchair Travelers

Apr. 18, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This film on the library's cinematic screen travels to South Africa. Refreshments will be served.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Apr. 20, Wed. at 2pm Learn the basics of how to move and "click" the mouse effectively.

Stamp Camp

Apr. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 2pm *Out of the Shadows* is a suspense novel by Sigmund Brouwer.

Gardening

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener, Dian Fruth will discuss the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly, found only in west Gary and at the Indiana Dunes National Park.

Classics on the Big Screen

Apr. 25, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *When in Rome* will be presented on the library's cinematic screen.

Computer Class: Basic Computers

Apr. 26, Tues. at 1pm Instruction for beginners on the keyboard, the desktop, and simple word processing tips.

Basic Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Apr. 27, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 2pm Learn the basics of how to move and "click" the mouse.

Mystery Book Discussion

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Copies of the *Silence of the Grave* by Arnaldur Indridason are available at the circulation desk for check-out.

Teen Gaming

Apr. 30, Sat. at 2pm Teens are invited to play computer games, *Guitar Hero*, *Dance Dance Revolution*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

April 1 to 30 To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog (<http://hobartlibrary.blogspot.com>); review forms available at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Travel the World: Egypt

Apr. 5, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers, touring pyramids, temples, and more. Refreshments served.

Movie Night

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6pm Enjoy the major motion picture feature, *Twister* on the library's cinematic screen. Refreshments served.

Book Chat

Apr. 19, Tues. at 10:30am *Promise of the*

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769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

To register for these library programs either go to the direct link online at www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnl.htm or you may call the library directly at extension 360.

Bookremarks Online

Apr. 1 to 30 To join the month-long discussion of *First Families: The Impact of the White House on Their Lives* by Bonnie Angelo, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Art of Living Seminar

Apr. 4, Mon. at 7pm Dr. Nrupendra Shah will host a seminar on how to find inner peace through rhythmic breathing-meditation techniques; Ext. 317.

Blood Pressure Screening

Apr. 6, Wed. from 10:30- 11:30am Provided by The Old Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Apr. 6, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills and to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively; Ext. 346.

Child Safety

Apr. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm The Merrillville Police Department and the Crisis Center will speak about safety for children of all ages. A question and answer session will follow; Ext. 360.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 1pm or Apr. 18, Mon. at 6pm Make handmade greeting cards and more. There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

The Annual LCPL Foundation Literary Tea

Apr. 9, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm The Lake County Public Library Foundation will hold their eleventh annual Literary Tea. Reservations include a full afternoon tea with dessert and presentation on "First Ladies From the Midwest." Seating available by reservation only; Ext. 317.

Fun Tymers Music Concert

Apr. 11, Mon. at 2pm To kick-off *National Library Week* the Fun Tymers will play songs comprised of the banjo, harmonica, and the bass. Refreshments served; Ext. 317.

Friends of Lake County Public Library Board Meeting

Apr. 12, Tues. at 1pm Adults are invited to attend the Friends of the Library Board Meeting. Registration is not required; Ext. 317.

Great Decisions

Apr. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion is *Horn of Africa*; Ext. 317.

Medicare 101

Apr. 13, Wed. at 10am The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)'s public presentation for all beneficiaries who want to learn more about the Medicare system. No registration is required and light refreshments will be served. For more info call 219-838-4873.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Apr. 13, Wed. at 2pm Learn to find information on the internet. Registration required; Ext. 346.

Healing with Laughter Yoga

Apr. 13, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a special yoga class with laughing techniques; Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Crazy for the Storm: A Memoir of Survival* by Norman Ollestad. Registration is not required.

Thomas Crowel Book Event

Apr. 16, Sat. at 1pm To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, author Thomas Crowel will be here to talk about his new book *Cry Uncle, Sumbody*. It is loosely based off a diary written by a Civil War soldier. Refreshments served; Ext. 317.

Computer Class: The Library Catalog

April 20, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items; Ext. 346.

Teen Gaming Night

Apr. 20, Wed. at 6pm Teens are invited to compete and play electronic games; Ext. 360.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm A paranormal fiction genre discussion, the *Moon Called* will discuss Patricia Briggs' first installment in the *Mercy Thompson Series*; Ext. 389.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

Apr. 27, Wed. at 2pm Practice what has been learned in previous classes. An instructor will questions and provide individual assistance; Ext. 346.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Apr. 29, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session to understand the disease process of progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Apr. 29, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Trusts and banking service options will be discussed. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

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5921 W. 25TH AVE.
GARY, IN 46406
844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.
GARY, IN 46408
980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Buddies

Apr. 25, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts about *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler, with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.
GRIFFITH, IN 46319
838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Book Giveaway

Apr. 11 to 16 Celebrate *National Library Week* by entering our raffle to win a bag of books. Separate bags for adults, teens, and children.

Mystery Loves Company

Apr. 11, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts about *Death Climbs a Tree* by Sarah Hoskins Frommer, with other readers.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Readers

Apr. 12, Tues. at 7pm *From Time to Time*, Jack Finney's time travel novel.

Stampin' With Jolanda

Apr. 19, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.



REMINDER

Friday, April 22

All branches of the
Lake County Public Library
will observe
normal operating hours.

Wolves by Dorothy Hearst. Refreshments served.

Pajama Movie Night

Apr. 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Enjoy popcorn lemonade while viewing *Megamind*, an animated comedy, rated PG, 96 min. long, a feature film for the whole family.

Egg Hunt

Apr. 27, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to an egg hunt throughout the library.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH
2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcpllin.org/branches/linc.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Book Chat

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 10:30am *Virgin of Small Plains* by Nancy Pickard will be discussed.

One-On-One Computer Class

Apr. 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume.

MUNSTER BRANCH
8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
8450
www.lcpllin.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Meet the Mouse

Apr. 4, Mon. at 1:30pm Learn the basics of using a computer.

Library Catalog 101

Apr. 5, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn how to check your account, place holds, and search for materials through the online catalog.

Navigating the Net

Apr. 6, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn how to find a myriad of information on the Internet.

Independent Film

Apr. 12, Tues. at 2pm or 6pm *In Love We Trust* is for mature audiences; not rated; in Mandarin with English subtitles; adults only; running time 115 minutes. [cc]

The Non-Stop Perennial Garden

Apr. 13, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Dolly Foster demonstrates how to keep a perennial garden blooming from March through October.

Book Looks for the Book Lover

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 1:30pm Whether you are part of a book discussion group or just love to read, this program is especially for you.

Bring titles of books you enjoyed and we'll do the same. Refreshments served.

Remembering Chicago

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Snapshots and historical footage provide a glimpse of a less complicated time as Chicagoans share humorous and touching stories from the 1920's through the 1940's.

Blood Pressure Screening

Apr. 28, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area. Registration not required.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm *June Bug* by Chris Fabry is available for check-out at the circulation desk.

Great Books Discussion

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Notes from the Underground* by Fyodor Dostoevsky, a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*.

S.H.I.P. (State Health Insurance Program)

Apr. 30, Sat. at 10am Medicare 101 is designed for all beneficiaries who want to learn more about the Medicare system. Registration not required; light refreshments served; call 838-4873 for further information.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH
1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcpllin.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Independent Film Series

Apr. 4, Mon. at 1pm *Only When I Dance* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In English and Portuguese with English subtitles. [cc]

Stamp Class

Apr. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Wii for Seniors

Apr. 13, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of electronic gaming on *Wii* sports. Refreshments served.

Young Readers

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens can review books they have read. Refreshments served and volunteer hours can be earned.

Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Apr. 16, Sat. at 9:30am Sally Phillips, Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society

President, will present "Building Your Medical Pedigree."

Virtual Tourists

Apr. 20, Wed. at 7pm Tour the Turkish Riviera. (DVD Presentation)

Between the Lines Book Club

Apr. 27, Wed. at 7pm or Apr. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls.

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9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcpllin.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Sit & Stitch

Stamp Class

Apr. 4, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Sit & Stitch

Apr. 6 & 20, Wed. at 6pm Sit & knit or crochet & chat. Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Big Screen Musical

Apr. 19, Tues. at 1:30pm Watch Irving Berlin's musical *Top Hat* featuring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Wii for Seniors

Apr. 27, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of electronic gaming on *Wii* sports. Refreshments served.

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- ✓ Register for as many programs as you like
- ✓ Sign up for email reminders of your scheduled programs
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Children's Programming

APRIL 2011



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www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnlj.htm or call 769-3541, ext. 360.

Children's Crafting Table

Apr. 1 to 30 Children of all ages are invited to participate in crafts at the craft table located in the Children's Department daily. Registration is not required.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Apr. 4 & 18, Mon. at 10am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy and participate in stories, music, finger play, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 5 & 19, Tues. at 10am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays and music activities.

Child Safety

Apr. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm A representative from the Merrillville Police Department and the Crisis Center will speak about safety for children of all ages. There will be a question and answer session following the presentations.

Story Time for 4 & 5 Year olds

Apr. 12 & 26, Tues. at 10am or 2pm 4 and 5 year old children will enjoy stories, songs, and crafts as they learn early literacy skills that will help them get ready for school.

Gaming Night

April 20, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12-17, get together to play *Wii* and *Playstation 2* games, compete in tournaments, and enjoy snacks. Registration is not required.

Gross!

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 4pm Ugh! Eek! Yikes! This program is downright disgusting! School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to explore slimy, freaky, disgusting, yucky, plain out gross things at this unusual program. Brave participants will learn disgusting stuff about the natural world, (such as unmentionable mysteries of the human body - like eye gunk, halitosis, and vomit), do a gross science experiment, eat a gross snack, and make a gross craft. This program is sure to turn stomachs - but still be extremely interesting and fun at the same time!

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

The Bees Are Back

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm Welcome spring and the arrival of the Honeybee in this program. Children in grades kindergarten and up will hear a story, sample some honey, and play the *Honey Game*.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Lunchtime Movie

Apr. 23, Sat. at Noon Children of all ages are invited to view a newly release feature film on the library's cinematic screen. Call for more details. Children may pack a lunch to munch while watching the movie.

Griffith Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Pre-School Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Apr. 5, Tues. at 1pm Today we will hear stories with surprise endings, play games, and make a quick craft to take home.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Apr. 6, Wed. at 10:30am Children will hear stories with surprise endings, play games, and make a quick craft. Parents are welcome to join the children.

Book Giveaway

Apr. 11 to 16 Come celebrate *National Library Week* with us by entering our raffle to win a bag of books. Separate bags for adults, teens, and children will be given away.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Apr. 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy a spring story fest featuring Mother Goose rhymes and music.

Rabbits & Carrots

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will plant carrot seeds and enjoy the story *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*

Lego Mania

Apr. 18, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children are invited to come in and build with the library's Legos.

Pre-School Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Apr. 19, Tues. at 1pm Children will hear stories about spring, play games, and make a quick craft to take home.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Apr. 20, Wed. at 10:30am Children will hear spring stories, play games, and make a quick craft to take home. Parents are welcome to join the children.

May Day Baskets

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children (kindergarten through 5th grade) will make a May Day basket and fill it with paper flowers after listening to the story *Basket*.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 1 & 15, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Snack & Plan

Apr. 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Pre-School Story Hour

Apr. 5 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am & 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities.

Amazing Legos

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, are invited to make and display their own *Lego* creations made with library *Legos*! All supplies—and snacks—will be provided. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

National Library Week

Apr. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm During *National Library Week*, children of all ages will be able to create a book and write their own story. All materials will be provided.

Teens Tie Dye

Apr. 12, Tues. & Apr. 13, Wed. at 4pm Teens can create tie dye t-shirts and socks. All materials—and snacks—will be provided.

Toddler Time

Apr. 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more.

Totally Cool Tie Dye

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in grades kindergarten to 6 will enjoy stories and create their own tie dye t-shirt. Children need to bring their own white or light colored t-shirt.

Games Galore – Chess & More

Apr. 19, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, can play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games—and snacks—will be provided.

It's Spring Break!

Apr. 21, Thurs. at 4pm Teens—take a break and pick what you want to do! Play *Wii* electronic games. Make your own snacks, including deep fried Oreos. Paint a mask; make something with duck tape; or tie dye; or use recycled materials for your creations.

Family Fun Night: Hilarity @ The Library: Celebrating National Humor Month

Apr. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Kids and their families are invited to play games, participate in funny stories, and create silly foods and crafts! LOL @ the library!!

GameFest

Apr. 27, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided.

Royal Tea Party

Apr. 28, Thurs. at 4:30pm Prince William is getting married! Children in grades kindergarten to 6 will enjoy stories, games, a craft, and refreshments at this tea party fit for a princess... or a prince.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 5 & 19, Tues. at 6:30pm or Apr. 6 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 months to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

The 123 Year Diet

Apr. 7, Thurs. at 6:30pm Adults and teens are invited to this exciting program on diet and nutrition. The oldest woman to ever live made it 122 years and 164 days! Come and find out what she did right and how you too can use diet and nutrition to max out your healthy years.

National Library Week – Create Your Own Story

Apr. 11 to 16, Mon. through Sat. Visit the Highland Library during open hours and submit your entry for a chance to win a *Reader's Gift Bag*. There will be a gift bag drawing for adults and children on Saturday, the 16th. No registration is required.

Lego Club

Apr. 13, Wed. at 3:30pm Youth *Lego* enthusiasts, grade 2 through 8, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will construct based on a monthly theme then share their creations with the group. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection.

Highland Branch...continued**Crafty Kids Club**

Apr. 20, Wed. at 3:30pm Crafty kids (kindergarten through 6th grade) are invited to meet monthly to create different free projects. Check the display in the library to see what this month's selections are.

Teen Gaming

Apr. 30, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 5th grade and up, will enjoy playing computer games, Guitar Hero and DDR, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART TOWNSHIP
Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

April 1 to 30 The Hobart Branch Library is giving away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog (<http://hobartlibrary.blogspot.com>). If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Week of the Young Child

Apr. 12, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4&5) will celebrate the *Week of the Young Child* through stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (ages birth to 23 months with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and nursery rhymes in this half-hour interactive program.

Toddler Story Time

Apr. 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and make a simple craft in this half-hour interactive program.

Tweens Draw

Apr. 19, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (ages 9 to 13) are invited to come and have fun drawing. We will have drawing books out as well as cookies and lemonade. All supplies will be provided but you are welcome to bring some of your own supplies if you wish.

Pre-School Story Hour

Apr. 26, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft.

Pajama Movie Night: Megamind

Apr. 26, Tues. at 6:30pm We will be showing the movie *Megamind*, an animated comedy; rated PG, 96 min. long, a feature film for the whole family. Children are invited to wear their PJ's, and sleeping gear, along with a stuffed animal. We will serve popcorn and lemonade.

Egg Hunt

Apr. 27, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to an egg hunt throughout the library.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lsnc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsncj.htm or call 962-2409.

Easter Eggs

Apr. 13, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will design their own Easter egg and hear an Easter story.

Tween Time

Apr. 20, Wed. at 6pm Children age 10 - 12 years will make an Easter egg.

Munster Branchwww.lcpllin.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.**Fantastic 4's & 5's**

Apr. 5 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Spot the Plot

Apr. 6, Wed. at 4pm To prepare for *National Library Week*, children currently in kindergarten or older will be challenged to guess the name of classic stories while enjoying new books, games and crafts. Attendees will also make a sign to hang in the library explaining why they love the library.

Making Memories – Family Enrichment Program

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5, Thurs. at 6pm Co-sponsored by South Shore Arts, "Making Memories - A Family Enrichment Program," is a free, five-week series that incorporates writing, bookmaking, reading, music, drama, and art. Children in 2nd to 6th grades and their parents will create a memory book of their experiences. A box meal is provided at each session. Families must call the Munster Branch at 836-8450 to register.

Terrific 2's & 3's

Apr. 11 & 25, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. You may come early to play with toys, but clean-up is strictly at 10:30.

Building with Legos

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6pm Young *Lego* enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will make creations based on a monthly theme, then share their creations with the group. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

Spring Fever

Apr. 20, Wed. at 4pm Spring has sprung at the library! Children currently in kindergarten or older will celebrate the season with books, games and crafts. Attendees will have a "sneezingly" good time.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**Dyer-Schererville Branch**www.lcpllin.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.**Lego Club**

Apr. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program centered around a theme where children can use their creativity to build original designs. *Legos* are supplied.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr. 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 3 years, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will enjoy nursery rhymes, books, musical activities and more during this 30 minute interactive program.

& 5s

Apr. 12 & 19, Tues. at 1:30pm or Apr. 13 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am This is an hour program filled with stories, songs, activities, a craft, and a film for pre-school age children.

Dyer-Schererville Branch...continued**2s & 3s**

Apr. 13 & 20, Wed. at 1:30pm This afternoon program, approximately 35 minutes, is for 2 and 3 year old children accompanied by a caregiver and is filled with stories, songs and activities.

6 to 23 Months

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am This is a 30 minute program with stories, songs, finger plays, and activities for infants and toddlers that are accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Young Readers

Apr. 14, Thurs. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program where teens are invited to review books they have read. Refreshments will be served and volunteer hours can be earned

Family Bunny Story Hour

Apr. 18, Mon. at 6:30pm Families with children ages 3-7 years old will enjoy this hour filled with bunny stories, songs, finger plays and a delightful bunny craft.

2s & 3s

Apr. 19, Tues. at 10:30am This morning program, approximately 35 minutes, is for 2 and 3 year old children accompanied by a caregiver and is filled with stories, songs and activities.

Chess Knight

Apr. 25 Mon. at 6:30pm School age children have the opportunity to play the game of chess. Bring a friend!

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Apr. 5 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 years of age accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Story Time for 4, 5 & 6 Year Olds

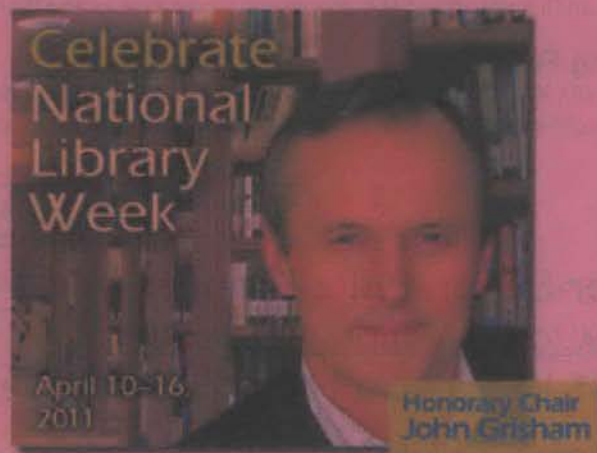
Apr. 12 & 26, Tues. at 11am or Apr. 13 & 27, Wed. at 2pm Children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Creative Hands: Fun With Art Workshop

Apr. 12, Tues. at 4pm or Apr. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month, young artists will explore different ways to create art.

Family Story Time

Apr. 27, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



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REMINDER

Friday, April 22

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will observe normal operating hours.



HAPPENINGS @ your library

Pam Maud
Head of St. John Township Branches



Spring is a time of renewal, with a refreshing sense of throwing off the cold snowy winter. Trees bud, birds return, and grasses appear with new green growth. During the middle of last year and into the current year, a similar renewal occurred at the Dyer-Schererville Branch.

In the summer of 2010, the roof was replaced and the wood furniture was refinished a few pieces at a time. In the winter of 2011, the meeting rooms and children's program room received new wall coverings and flooring. The west wall of the children's program

and NEW BEGINNINGS

room now sports a beautiful mural filled with all kinds of popular and colorful storybook characters. Staff service desks have been re-finished and new countertops were installed. The flooring in the foyer and entry way to the checkout desk is now an attractive ceramic tile. The public library area, as well as staff work and office areas, also received new carpeting.

Of course, these renovations were done while the library was still open, and it wasn't always quiet while machines and hammers were being used. So, we would like to thank the many lovely patrons who supported us and were so patient during the renovation project.

Another new beginning to start soon at our branch is called **BOOK LOOKS**. This program is designed for patrons who love to

read and want to get together to share the titles that they have enjoyed. It is a great program because even if you don't necessarily want to join a book discussion, you can still come and share books with others. There are excellent book displays and refreshments for all. Of course, we will still offer our fabulous book discussions throughout the library system, and we even have online book discussions for those who can't make it to the library. We are always trying to keep our patrons in mind!

So if you haven't had a chance to stop by the Dyer-Schererville Branch, please swing on by and see what has blossomed in our building. We hope you enjoy our "New Look."

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...the branch is celebrating a
seventeen birthday...

Happenings, May 2011

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More about

Phonological Awareness

Last month we talked about Phonological Awareness, which is the ability to hear the individual sounds in letters and words. Your child needs this skill in order to learn to read and it is never too early to start teaching it. There are many things you can do with your child to help teach this important skill and so we will offer some more tips this month and next. As always, keep it fun!

Help your child hear syllables in words by breaking words into parts. Each part, or syllable, gets a clap. Start with your child's name. For example, one clap for Joe, and four for Alexandra.

Help your child hear the individual sounds in names by playing with them. For example, if your name is Mary and your child's name is Katie, then she becomes Matie and you become Kary. Make up other words and names by changing the beginning sounds.

Share books that rhyme. Your younger child will hear the rhyming sounds. Play with the book by helping your older child make up additional rhyming words. Many picture books feature rhyme. Ask your librarian for suggestions and check out the list of recommended books at the library's web page, www.lcpln.org. Click on 'Kids' and then on 'Every Child Ready to Read'. Click on the list of books for 'Phonological Awareness'.

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Reader's AdvisorY

LOST IN THE USA

"I have some old books which belonged to my grandmother. They need some repair but I can't afford to pay someone to repair them. Do you have any resources on this subject?"

We have several volumes on book conservation and restoration. They can be found on the shelf under 025.7. If you wish books on this subject to be held for you, call 769-3541 and ask for the reference desk. Don't forget to have your library card number handy.

BOOKS

Staff Recommends

Epiphanies: Where Science and Miracles Meet

by Ann Jauregui

"Inspiring moments of truth, understanding, synchronicity, or peace that we should notice, listen to, and talk about."

DL/Ref

Disobedience

by Jane Hamilton

"Henry, a high school senior, discovers that his mother is having an affair by reading her email. Uncertain what this means for his family's future, he shares the knowledge with no one but carefully observes the behavior of his sister, father, and mother and imagines their possible thoughts and feelings."

SA/Systems

The Sugar Queen

by Sarah Addison Allen

"Usually, when Josey Cirrini opens her closet, she slides back the hidden panel and hides in there to read a romance novel or a travel brochure while devouring comfort food from her hidden 'stash.' However, today she finds tough-talking waitress Della Lee Baker living there 'for a few days.' Slowly Della Lee, part nemesis and two parts fairy godmother, starts to bring Josey out of her shell. As Josey expands her horizons, she finds a world where the color red has astonishing power for her, passion and fry eggs in their cartons, and romance can blossom."

SEM/Circ

History Film: *Castles, Cathedrals & Roman Ruins*

May 10, Tues. at 2pm The Iberian Peninsula through the legends and living stone of Spain's most treasured buildings and monuments. Refreshments served.

Teen Crafting Mania

May 10, Tues. & May 11, Wed. at 4pm Teens may choose from a variety of crafts. All materials and refreshments supplied.

Books & Chat

May 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy.

LYbrary LYmpics

May 19, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to compete in a variety of library style games. Prizes for all!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

May 24, Tues. at 2pm Travel to the Canary Islands via the library's big screen. Refreshments served.

GameFest

May 25, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation & Wii* electronic video games. Food and drinks will be provided.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

History Film

May 2, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm The life of American Composer, Irving Berlin.

Computer Class: Basic Computers

May 3, Tues. at 2pm Instruction for beginners on the keyboard, the desktop, and simple word processing tips.

Basic Computer Class: Navigating the Net

May 4 & 18, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Fiction Discussion

May 10, Tues. at 2pm Copies of *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

May 11, Wed. at 6:30pm Shawn Anderson of the Highland Police Department is the featured speaker. Registration is not required.

Crossroads

May 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Enjoy a presentation on the career of World War II ace fighter, Alex Vraciu of the Indiana Harbor section of East Chicago. Call 972-7353 to register.

Armchair Travelers – Russia

May 16, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This film travels across Russia the largest country in the world. Refreshments served.

Inspirational Book Discussion

May 19, Thurs. at 2pm Join this discussion of *Castaway Kid* by R.B. Mitchell. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Gardening

May 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Larry Anderson will present a two part program on composting, mulching, and ridding the garden of Japanese beetles.

Classics on the Big Screen

May 23, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Based on the amazing true story, this film chronicles the journey of the 1973 Triple Crown Winner, *Secretariat*. Refreshments will be served.

Stamp Camp

May 25, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Meeting

May 26, Thurs. at 6pm Students who have completed the 4th grade and are interested in joining the youth volunteers must attend an informational meeting with a parent.

Mystery Book Discussion

May 26, Thurs. at 7pm *Corridor Death*, the impressive debut from the South African writing team of Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Teen Gaming

May 28, Sat. at 2pm Teens are invited to play computer and board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Positions

May 2 to 29 Teens and tweens interested in volunteering during the summer need to pick up a new volunteer application from the library and schedule an interview.

Hobart Adult Learning Center Offers – GED & ESL Classes

May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11 at Noon or 4pm Study for your GED or receive help learning English. Registration is not required.

Travel the World

May 3, Tues. at 2pm The Kenya Coast highlights the beautiful Indian Ocean seaside. Refreshments served.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

May 9, Mon. at 6pm Basic computer class to effectively operate the mouse for a computer.

Dinner and a Movie

May 12, Thurs. at 6pm The library will be serving up spaghetti and *Sherlock Holmes*.

S.H.I.P. and Medicare 101

May 14, Sat. at 10am State Health Insurance Assistance Program – an informational session on Medicare 101 for beneficiaries to learn about the Medicare system. Light refreshments

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

May 16, Mon. at 6pm Introductory computer class on how to surf the World Wide Web.

Book Chat

May 17, Tues. at 10:30am *The Red Thread* by Roderick. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

May 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm A \$5 fee, due at time of class, covers the cost of card making supplies; bring a pair of scissors.

Did you know that the ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM begins
June 6?

Once again this summer you'll be able to read for your enjoyment and possibly win a prize. Check out the Library website for further information: www.lcpln.org

CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

1919 W. 81ST AVE.

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm or call 769-3541 with the extension listed for the program.

BOOKreMARKS Online

May 1 to 31 To join the month-long online book discussion of *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org or visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

English as a Second Language

May 2 & 4 through June 6 & 8, Mon. & Wed. at 6:30pm Learn to speak or to improve your English language skills. No registration required.

Blood Pressure Screening

May 4, Wed. from 10:30- 11:30am Provided by the Old Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

May 4, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills; Ext. 346.

Great Decisions

May 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion: *Responding to the Financial Crisis*. Ext. 317.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

May 11, Wed. at 2pm Learn to find information on the internet; Ext. 346.

Teen Gaming Night

May 11, Wed. at 6pm Young adults are

invited to play *Wii* and *Playstation 2* games; Ext. 360.

Paper Crafts with Jane

May 12, Thurs. at 1pm or May 18, Wed. at 6pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class; bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

May 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Call of the Wild* by Jack London. No registration required.

2nd Friday of the Month Club

May 13, Fri. at 9:30am Everyone is invited for a presentation and refreshments.

Computer Class: The Library Catalog

May 18, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, as well as place requests and renew borrowed items; Ext. 346.

Moon Called Book Discussion

May 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm Paranormal fiction genre: *Bitten* by Kelly Armstrong; Ext. 389.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

May 25, Wed. at 2pm Practice skills learned in previous classes with individual assistance; Ext. 346.

Healing with Laughter Yoga

May 25, Wed. at 7pm Special yoga class with laughing techniques; Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

May 27, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Informational, interactive session that focuses on progressive dementias. For further information call toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

May 27, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm A social worker, will speak on grief and loss in caring for loved ones with dementia. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Buddies

May 30, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts about *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Mystery Loves Company

May 9, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts about the *Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz, with other readers.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Readers

May 10, Tues. at 7pm The story of demons and heroics in *Running with Demons* by Terry Brooks.

Paper Creations

May 17, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

May 23, Mon. at 1pm or May 24, Tues. at 7pm Readers will discuss *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* by Katherine Howe.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Snack & Plan

May 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will plan programs for teens and younger kids.

Gentle Exercise

May 3, 10, 17, & 24, Tues. at 10:30am Increase joint flexibility, range of motion and muscle strength in the American Arthritis Association's program.



REMINDER

Monday, May 30

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will close in observance of

Memorial Day.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpllin.org/branches/linc.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Summer Volunteers

May 2 to 31 Tweens (11 to 12 year olds) and teens (13 to 17 year olds) may begin to apply to serve as volunteers for the Summer Reading Program.

Book Chat

May 5, Thurs. at 10:30am *The Little Friend* by Donna Tartt.

One on One Computer Class

May 10 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am and 11:30am A one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpllin.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Crossroads - Meet Your Neighbors

May 4, Wed. at 1:30pm *Art Insights* presents famous works of art reflecting the history of Chicago and the Art Institute. *Meet Your Neighbors* includes artwork of cultural importance.

Mind-Body Wellness

May 4, Wed. at 6:30pm Workshop to find inner peace through rhythmic breathing and meditation techniques.

Independent Film

May 10, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *The Pope's Toilet* is for mature audiences; not rated; in Spanish with English subtitles; adults only; running time 97 minutes. [cc]

Gardening: Lawn Maintenance

May 11, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardeners Jim and Matt Colias give hints for keeping lawns in tip top shape.

Explore: Rocky Mountain States

May 19, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Journey through the American Rockies from S. Dakota to Wyoming to Montana to Idaho.

Blood Pressure Screening

May 26, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided

by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club: Book Party

May 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite book.

Great Books

May 26, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Book of Exodus* from the Bible, a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Independent Film Series

May 2, Mon. at 1pm & 6:16pm *Wolves in the Snow* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults Only. In French with English subtitles. [cc]

Stamp Camp

May 10, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class; bring a glue stick.

Wii for Seniors

May 11, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of gaming on *Wii* sports. Refreshments served.

Virtual Tourists

May 18, Wed. at 7pm Tour Jamaica with it's breathtaking primeval nature that hints of adventure.

Teen & Tween Volunteer Meeting

May 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens (13 to 17) and tweens (11 & 12 year olds) who are interested in volunteering at the library this summer, must attend either this meeting or the one on June 4th at 10:30am.

Between the Lines

May 25, Wed. at 7pm or May 26, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpllin.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Sit & Stitch

May 4 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Join us for conversation and fun. This is a casual gathering

open to beginners and seasoned veterans.

Stamp Class

May 9, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun

May 14, Sat. at 10am or 1pm, May 23, Mon. at 6:30pm, May 24, Tues. or May 26, Thurs. at 5pm Summer volunteers are needed for our Summer Reading Program; bring your library card.

Big Screen Musicals

May 17, Tues. at 1:30pm *Dames* staged by Busby Berkley starring Joan Blondell, Ruby Kiebler and Zasu Pitts. Running Time: 90 minutes.

Wii for Seniors

May 25, Wed. at 2pm Seniors are invited to an afternoon of gaming on *Wii* sports.

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began using her expertise in US History, local history, sociology, and innate research skills when she joined the Periodicals Department in 1990. Not content to just rely on her library certification, she strove to improve her

proficiency with continuing education workshops, seminars, and classes.

Library patrons, who frequented the department for news, history and genealogical information, or even just how to build a chaise lounge from one piece of plywood, were most likely assisted by Sharon.

Sadly on March 31st she passed away unexpectedly. She will be missed by her co-workers and by the patrons she served.



Due to Central Library's remodeling project, the Gardening Series will be suspended this year. Keep an eye out for gardening programs at our branches throughout the year!

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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Children's Programming

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www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

To register online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-cnli.htm or call 769-3541, ext. 360.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year olds

May 2, Mon. at 10am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy and participate in stories, music, finger play, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 3, Tues. at 10am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

4 & 5 Year Old Story Time

May 10, Tues. at 10am or 2pm 4 and 5 year olds will have fun hearing stories, singing songs, and making crafts as they develop important early literacy skills.

Gaming Night

May 11, Wed. at 6pm Young adults, ages 12 to 17, will play *Wii* and *Playstation 2* games, compete in tournaments, and enjoy snacks.

Arabian Nights

May 17, Tues. at 4pm Come along on a magic carpet ride! Children (kindergarten and older) will hear the tales of adventure from the *Arabian Nights*. We will also play games, make a craft, and have a snack.

Summer Volunteer Sign-Up Sessions

May 24, Tues. at 3:30pm or May 26, Thurs. at 6pm Young adults, 11 years old (who have completed 4th grade) and older, can volunteer to help with the Children's Summer Reading Program. Interested volunteers must attend either of our two volunteer sign-up sessions.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

To online visit www.lcpl.in.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Celebrated Jumping Frogs

May 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm Hear about the *Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* and then craft a frog from paper. Children grades kindergarten and up are invited to this program.

Book Bingo

May 26, Thurs. at 4:30pm All ages are invited to play bingo and win free books. Small children should be accompanied by an adult.

2 **Forty-First Avenue Branch**

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Bingo

May 11, Wed. at 3:30pm All ages are invited to play bingo and win free books. Small children should be accompanied by an adult.

Griffith Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Bubble Machines

May 12, Thurs. at 3:30pm Bubbles can be trouble, especially if you are caught in one. After a story, school age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will make a simple bubble machine and perform a little bubble sculpting.

Lego Mania

May 16, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, are invited to join the fun at the library. What can you create with Legos?

Marble Racing

May 26, Thurs. at 3:30pm Help make a race track for marbles after learning a bit about "Playing Marbles."

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Snack & Plan

May 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Pre-School Story Hour

May 3 & 17, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, a film, and other activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 6 & 20, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers (6 to 23 months of age), along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Crafting Mania: U-Pick

May 10 & 11, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens can choose from a variety of crafts—duct tape, beading jewelry, tie dye, stress or rubber band balls, sun-print pictures, frames, and more. All materials and refreshments will be supplied.

Toddler Time

May 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more.

Be A Super Hero

May 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy stories, games and a craft about superheroes, such as Superman and Batman!

Games Galore – Chess & More

May 17, Tues. at 4pm Play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games—and snacks—will be provided.

LYbrary LYmpics

May 19, Thurs. at 4pm Compete in a variety of library style games, including Paperback Bowling and CD Discus Toss. Play outside and in. Snacks will be provided. Prizes for all!

Home On The Range Family Story Time Fun

May 23, Mon. at 6:30pm We'll bring the Old West to the library with stories, music, and a variety of activities. Make your own stick horse, too! Giddy-up!

Gamefest

May 25, Wed. at 3pm Play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop will be provided.

Monkeying Around!

May 26, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grades kindergarten through 6 will enjoy stories, games, and a craft about mischievous monkeys.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 3, Tues. at 6:30pm or May 4, Wed. at 10:30am Children 6 months to 3 years old, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will enjoy nursery rhymes, books and movement.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

May 9, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, along with a caregiver, are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft.

Family Story Hour

May 10, Tues. at 6:30pm Children up to age seven are invited to participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and craft.

Fabulous 4s & 5s

May 11, Wed. at 10:30am or May 12, Thurs. at 1pm Children are invited to participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Lego Club

May 11, Wed. at 3:30 pm Youth *Lego* enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will construct based on a monthly theme then share their creations with the group. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month. Please register. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection.

Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Meeting

May 26, Thurs. at 6pm Students who have completed the 4th grade and are interested in joining the youth volunteers must attend an informational meeting with a parent.

Teen Gaming

May 28, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 5th grade and up will enjoy playing computer games, *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

Summer Reading Volunteer Positions

May 2 to 28 Teens and 'twens interested in volunteering during the summer need to pick up a new volunteer application from the library and schedule an interview. Interviews will be conducted during specific appointment times on Saturday, May 14; Monday, May 23; or Monday, June 6. At the time of interview, teens must submit a new volunteer application completed and signed by their parent or guardian and have completed 5th grade. Volunteer applicants chosen to help during the summer will be notified by phone on or before June 8.

Pre-School Story Hour

May 10, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft in this hour-long program.

Toddler Story Time

May 12, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 along with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a simple craft in this half-hour program.

Hobart Branch...continued**Mother Goose on the Loose**

May 18, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (ages birth to 23 months along with a caregiver) will hear a half-hour of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lcncj.htm or call 962-2409.

Summer Volunteers

May 2 to 31 Applications will be available for interested youth beginning May 2.

ALL applicants must: * complete a new volunteer form * have the form signed by their parent or legal guardian

* have completed 5th grade * schedule an interview during one of the designated times in June

Volunteer interviews will take place June 1, June 2, and June 4. Students who are chosen to participate in the summer volunteer program will be notified by phone.

May Flowers

May 11, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make flowers and hear a story.

Tween Time

May 18, Wed. at 6pm Children who are 10 to 12 years of age will make flower fresheners.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Fantastic 4's & 5's

May 3, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Under The Sea with Jacques-Yves Costeau

May 4, Wed. at 4pm Children currently in kindergarten or older will explore the sea with Jacques Cousteau in his legendary research vessel, Alcyone. Games and a craft will be included.

Terrific 2's & 3's

May 9, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 11 & 25, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories and activities geared to help early childhood development. You may come early to play with toys, but clean up is strictly at 10:30.

Lego Building

May 12, Thurs. at 6pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will create structures based on a monthly theme, then share their creations with the group. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like to donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

May 26, Thurs. at 6pm This orientation is designed for students currently in 4th grade or older who are interested in volunteering during our Summer Reading Program. Attendees should bring a parent to sign the permission slip, as well as their summer schedule.

**REMINDER: Monday, May 30**

In observance of Memorial Day, ALL branches of the Lake County Public Library will be CLOSED.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.

4s & 5s

May 3 & 10, Tues. at 1:30pm or May 11, Wed. at 10:30am This is approximately 1 hour with stories, songs, activities, a craft, and film for 4 and 5 year old children.

2s & 3s

May 4 & 11, Wed. at 1:30pm This is approximately 30 minutes for 2 and 3 year old children accompanied by an adult caregiver and includes stories, songs, activities, and a craft.

The Lego Club

May 4, Wed. at 6:30pm This is a group in which creativity is utilized as building projects are completed. Finished projects may be placed on display for the month. The Legos will be provided.

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 10, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 months to 3 years, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will enjoy nursery rhymes, books, musical activities, and more during this 30 minute interactive program.

Young Readers

May 12, Thurs. at 6:30pm This is a monthly program where the teens review books they have read. Refreshments will be served and volunteer hours can be earned

Teen & Tween Volunteer Meeting

May 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens (13 to 17) and tweens (11 & 12 year olds) who are interested in volunteering at the library this summer need to attend either this meeting or the one on June 4th at 10:30am.

St. John Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-sjj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

May 3 & 17, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Story Time for 4, 5 & 6 Year Olds

May 10 & 24, Tues. at 11am or May 11 & 25, Wed. at 2pm Children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Creative Hands: Fun with Art Workshop

May 10, Tues. at 4pm or May 11, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month, young artists will explore different ways to create art.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun

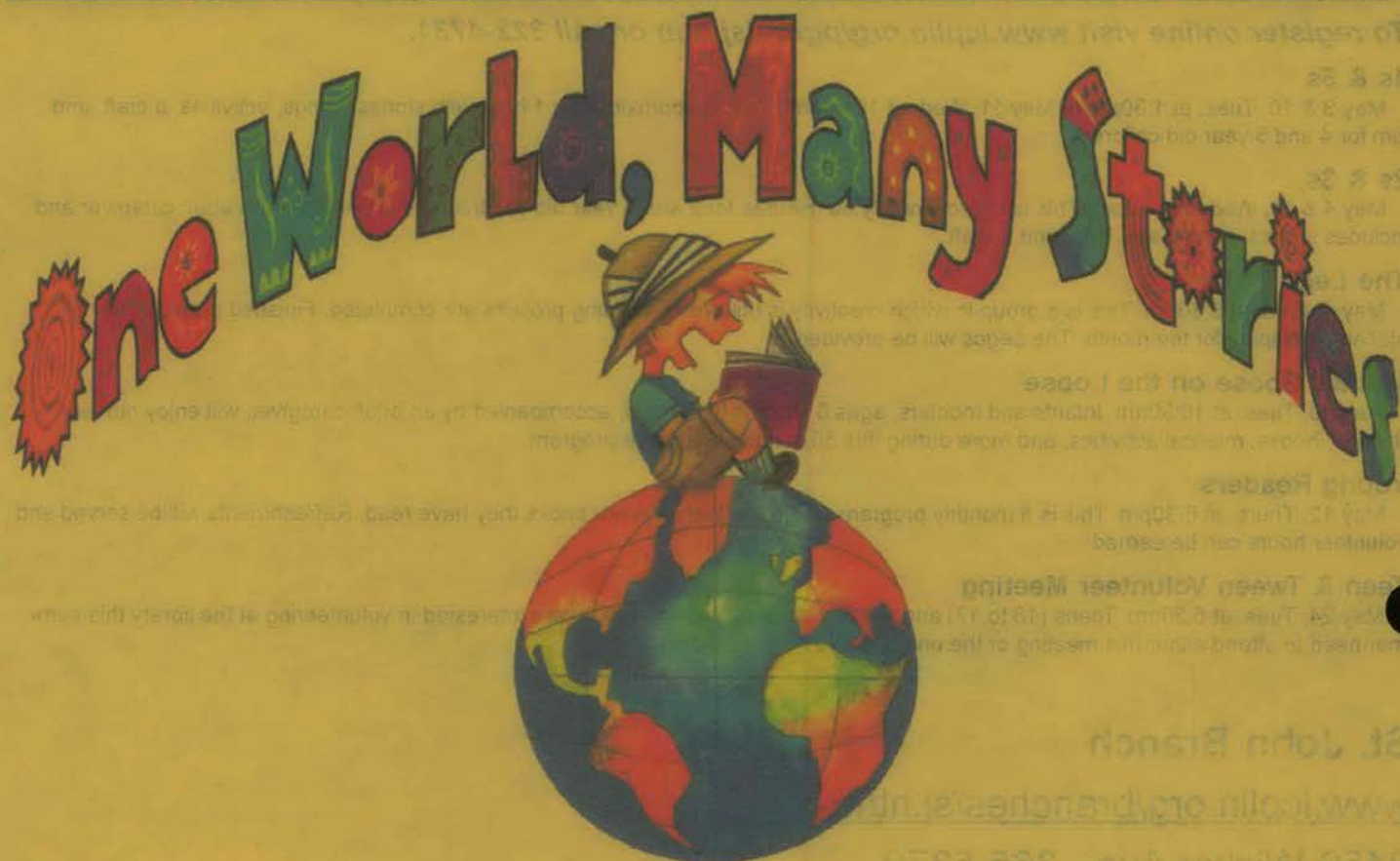
May 14, Sat. at 10am or 1pm, May 23, Mon. at 6:30pm, May 24, Tues. or May 26, Thurs. at 5pm Summer volunteers are needed to make the Summer Reading Program the best it can be. Teens will earn volunteer hours while having fun. Teens and a parent must attend one informational meeting. Please bring your library card.

Family Story Time

May 25, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

LCPL

Children's Summer Programs



June 6 - July 31, 2011

There is something for everyone this summer at the
Lake County Public Library

Your Public Library Summer Programs are a fun way to include reading and related activities into summer family time.

It helps children maintain and improve reading skills.

One great way to keep your children reading is to have them participate in the One World, Many Stories Summer Programs at your local Lake County Public Library Branch.



HAPPENINGS @ your library



**Every Child
Ready to Read:**

**PHONOLOGICAL
AWARENESS:**

**Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manger**

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

TEACHING RHYME

Phonological Awareness is the ability to hear the individual sounds in letters and words. Most children who struggle learning to read have trouble with this important skill. Rhyming is part of Phonological Awareness and is sometimes difficult to master. You can help:

- Sing songs! Songs break words into smaller bits so children can hear the different sounds in words.
- Say or sing nursery rhymes.
- Play a rhyming game like this one:
I spy with my little eye,
Something that rhymes with ____.
(Help your child as needed—always keep it fun!)

• Read a book with rhyming words—many books for children use rhyme. Then go back and point out some of the words that rhyme. When your child is ready, encourage her to do the same and then make up other words that rhyme with the pictures or words on the page. Make up nonsense words that rhyme, too.

• The library has many books and music CDs with fun rhymes, too. Ask your librarian for suggestions. One rhyme that's fun and can go on and on is "Down by the Bay." Raffi has a book and CDs with the music. There are others, also, all available at the library! You can make up your own, too. Try this one to get started:

Take yourself around the world this summer with travel themed programs and prizes for every age, including adults. Read, books, enter drawings, win prizes, and attend programs at any of our eleven locations June 6-July 30.

Children can expand their world this summer by participating in our Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories @ Your Library." Participat-



ing is a great way to help preschoolers develop early literacy skills and school-agers to sharpen their reading skills while earning prizes. Children will earn a prize for every 10 library books or 500 pages read. Toddlers and pre-readers, ages 2 to 5 will earn prizes when they are read to by parents, caregivers, and older siblings. Reading magazines, graphic novels, and listening to audio books will also count towards earning prizes.

Each branch of the Lake County Public Library will have its weekly themed programs listed in a printed brochure or calendar, available to the public. Programs tend to fill up quickly. Pre-

registration is greatly encouraged and a Lake County Public Library card is required to register for individual programs. Register for programs at <http://www.lcpln.org>.

Teens, 'You Are Here' when you take part in the Summer Reading Program this year at the library! Explore worlds, foods, crafts, and more here and around the world when you read and

take part in the events offered at different library locations. Best of all, just like in years past, you can win prizes for reading books or magazines or for listening to audio books. Every location will award weekly prizes, along with a grand prize at the end of July. This year, just like last, you can enter online and even write a review. Just sign up at www.lcpln.org and then start entering what you have read. You may enter

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every time you read 100 pages or a magazine or listen to an audio book. Paper entry forms will be available too, but when you enter online, you only sign up once and then just enter the number of pages you have read. It's so easy and you can rate or comment on what you've read, too!

For **adults**, this summer's ultimate budget travel suggestion is to take a journey to a novel destination with the library as your travel guide. Adults may check out a book from our "Novel Destinations" display; through those stories travel to such places as Australia, Sicily, or the Rocky Mountains. No destination is too far, too expensive, or too dangerous. Passports and inoculations are unnecessary. Just find a quiet place to read and you will be transported. Cost to you -- \$0.00.

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*Wiggle your toes, one, two, three.
Wiggle your toes like me.
Now tell the wiggles to go away.
(shake your index finger)
And please "Sit still," I say.
(Repeat, using different parts of the body.)
(Try singing this rhyme to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"!)*

Keep it fun and rhyme, rhyme, rhyme!

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Reader's Advisory

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"ASK"
I have a photo of about 20 people; students and teachers of the Music Class of '89 (1889) N.I.N.S Valparaiso, IN. Can you tell me what N.I.N.S. was?

The school that became Valparaiso University closed during the Civil War. It reopened in 1873 and was named the Northern Indiana Normal School & Business Institute, thus N.I.N.S.

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BOOKreMARKS Online

June 1 to 30 To join the month-long, online discussion of *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, or to reserve a book, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Computer Class: Meet The Mouse

June 1, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic computer skills; Ext. 346.

English as a Second Language Classes

June 1, 6 and 8, at 6:30pm Free classes for those wishing to learn English or improve their current English language skills. No registration required.

Live Life Laughing!

June 1, Wed. at 7pm A certified laughter yoga instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed; Ext. 317.

Blood Pressure Screening

June 8, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by the Old Spring Mill Health Campus.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

June 8, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the internet; Ext. 346.

Paper Crafts Class

June 9, Thurs. at 1pm & June 15, Wed. at 6pm For adults and teens; there is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

June 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Dreamers of the Day* by Maria Doria Russell. Registration is not required.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

June 14, Tues. at 1pm Adults are invited to attend the *Friends of the Library Board Meeting*. For further information, call Ext. 317.

Computer Class: The Library Catalog

June 15, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items; Ext. 346.

Moon Called Book Discussion

June 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm Adults will focus on the paranormal fiction genre. This month is the first novel in the epic *Vampire Chronicles* by Anne Rice, *Interview with the Vampire*; Ext. 389.

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

June 22, Wed. at 2pm After attending the first three classes in this series, this session provides practice with an instructor to offer individual assistance; Ext. 346.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

June 24, Fri. from 10-11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

June 24, Fri. from Noon -1:30pm The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Explore Laughology

June 29, Wed. at 7pm Watch a documentary that explores why we laugh and offers a flexible approach that brings about fast positive changes in individuals and organizations; Ext. 317.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-bqa.htm or call 844-8809

Read & Win!

June 6 – June 30 Start entering the books or audio-books you read for weekly prize drawings in this year's Summer Reading Program for adults and teens.

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Read & Win!

June 6 – June 30 Start entering the books or audio-books you read for weekly prize drawings in this year's Summer Reading Program for adults and teens.

Book Buddies

June 27, Mon. at 4pm Share your thoughts with other readers about *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Read & Win!

June 6 – June 30 Start entering the books or audio-books you read for weekly prize drawings in this year's Summer Reading Program for adults and teens.

Mystery Loves Company

June 13, Mon. at 1pm Share your thoughts with other readers about *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs.

Sci Fi/Fantasy Reads

June 14, Tues. at 7pm Discussion of Isaac Asimov's *Caves of Steel*.

Traveling Teens & Tweens

June 15, 22, 29, July 13 & 20, Wed. at 2pm Young Adults, ages 11 to 15, will enjoy programs that take them around the world.

Paper Creations

June 21, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee which covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

June 27, Mon. at 1pm or June 28, Tues. at 7pm Readers will discuss *Balzac* and *the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Snack & Plan

June 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs.

History Video

June 14, Tues. at 2pm Growing up in the 1950s "was golden." The growing American economy lasted 30 years, until the Arab oil embargo and the higher cost of fuel slowed it down. Refreshments served.

Here, There and Everywhere Craft Mania

June 14, Tues. at 4pm Teens can choose from a variety of crafts from around the world.

Books and Chat

June 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Mistress of the Art of Death* by

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Ariana Franklin.

Library Fear Factor

June 23, Thurs. at 4pm It's our 4th Annual Battle of the Sexes, where teens compete in fear factor games, and other challenges.

Freedom Fest Family Story Time

June 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate America's independence with stories, games, crafts, and library style fireworks!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

June 28, Tues. at 2pm Exploration of Georgia from Savannah to the site of America's first gold rush, and much more. Refreshments served.

Gamefest

June 29, Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

Crossroads

June 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Free program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments served. Please call 972-7317 to register and for details of this month's presentation.

Teens & Tweens Decoupage Bookmark

June 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm Youngsters who have completed 4th grade and older will create bookmarks.

History Film Biography

June 13, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Discover the world of Andy Warhol's post-war American Art.

Fiction Book Discussion

June 14, Tues. at 2pm Copies of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Stamp Camp

June 15, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm Copies of *Edge of Honor* by Gilbert Morris are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Obsessive Compulsive Gardening!

June 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Carole Kutcka presents how to start your garden and garden layout.

Armchair Travelers

June 20, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This video tour takes you through the volcanic landscape of Iceland and the frozen wilderness of Greenland.

Teens & Tweens Geography Game Day

June 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Students who have completed fourth grade and older will participate in Geography *Twister* and *Jeopardy*.

Mystery Book Discussion

June 23, Thurs. at 7pm Copies of *The Snake Stone* by Jason Goodwin will be available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Classic Film Presentation

June 27, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Pillow Talk*, a 1950s comedy classic, stars Doris Day and Cary Grant.

HOBERT BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBERT, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

June 1 - 30 To receive a free book, submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Three entries per person, per month.

Travel the World

June 7, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers in this one hour trip to see the wonders of Bangkok. Refreshments served.

Movie Night

June 9, Thurs. at 6pm View *Eat, Pray, Love* a feature film starring Julia Roberts on the library's cinematic screen. Rated PG-13, Running time 133 minutes.

Stamp Camp

June 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, to cover the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Book Chat

June 21, Tues. at 10:30am *Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks: John Tyree. Refreshments served.

Fear Factor Party

June 29, Wed. at 2pm Tweens, ages 9-13, are challenged to dabble in gross things during our *Fear Factor* Party! Refreshments served.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVENUE

LAKE STATION, IN 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lscn.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

June 3, Fri. at 10:30am We will be discussing *The Aloha Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Book Time with Ronald McDonald!

June 15, Wed. at 2pm Everyone is invited to meet *Ronald McDonald* and his puppet friend *Stoogie*.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

June 21 or 28, Tues. at 10:30 Register for this basic class to learn basic computer skills.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

June 23 or 30, Thurs. at 10:30am Learn how to find information on the internet.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.

MUNSTER, IN 46321

836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Gardening: Biblical Herbs

June 8, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Susan Radovich will discuss herbs mentioned in the Bible and their various uses.

Independent Film Presentation

June 14, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *1981* is for mature audiences; not rated; in French with English subtitles; adults only; running time 102 minutes. [cc]

Explore New England

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Discover New England's Old World charm and New World sophistication.

Crossroads: The Glen Morris Newsletter

June 18, Sat. at 10:30am In the mid-1990's Glen Morris began to track down WWII crew members of B-29 bombers and began writing to them. Hear some of this "Pen Pal's" heart-warming stories of caring and compassion. Please RSVP your attendance to Crossroads at 219-972-7353.

Xel-Ha Escuela De Danza - Mexican Folkloric Dance

June 22, Wed. at 7pm Students from Xel-Ha Escuela de Danza give a live performance and answer questions from audience. This program is open to all ages.

Blood Pressure Screening

June 23, Thurs. at 10am Provided by

Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

June 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Commoner*, by John Schwartz, takes its inspiration from stories of the Japanese imperial family. Copies of the book available at the Circulation Desk.

Great Books: Origin of Government

June 30, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Origin of Government* by Thomas Hobbes, a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*.

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

June 4, Sat. at 10:00am Teens, and tweens (11 to 17 years of age) who are interested in volunteering at the library this summer, need to attend this informational meeting.

Independent Film Series

June 6, Mon. at 1pm and 6:15pm *Something Like Happiness* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Czech with English subtitles. [cc]

Wii for Seniors

June 8, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*. Refreshments served.

Making Memories

June 9, 16, 23, 30 & 7/7, Thurs. at 6pm A 5-week program for 3rd graders and up with their families, co-sponsored by the *South Shore Performing Arts* with a different topic each week. Each family will make a memory book and be given a free book. A light snack will be provided. Sign up once for the entire 5-week series!

Stamp Class

June 14, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourists

June 15, Wed. at 7pm Enjoy a seven-day sightseeing tour of amazing sights of Finland.

Between the Lines

June 22, Wed. at 7pm or June 23, Thurs. at 10:15am John Grisham tackles non-fiction the first time with *The Innocent Man*.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

June 1, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

Sit & Stitch

June 1 & 15, Wed. at 6pm Sit & knit or crochet & chat. A casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans.

Stamp Class

June 6, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

June 7, Tues. at 1pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun!

June 8, Wed. at 6:30pm or June 11, Sat. at 10am or 1pm Summer volunteers are needed to make the Summer Reading Program the best it can be. Teens (12 to 17 years of age) will earn volunteer hours while having fun.

Biscuit Family Story Time

June 9, Thurs. at 11am Families will listen to stories about and meet storybook character *Biscuit*. Bring your camera!

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

June 14, Tues. at 1pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Genealogy Presentation

June 18, Sat. at 10am Lake County Genealogist Marlene Polster will present a special program titled "What Will Happen to Your Research When You Die?"

Big Screen Musicals

June 21, Tues. at 1:30pm Baseball and romance make a nifty double play in *Take Me Out To The Ball Game*, starring Frank Sinatra, Esther Williams, and Gene Kelly. Running Time: 93 minutes.

Wii for Seniors

June 22, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*. Refreshments served.

Beginning Genealogy: Digging For Your Roots

June 28, Tues. at 1:30pm Start to research family history and discover new sources to find information. Class size is limited to 7 participants and registration opens June 14.

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Summer Reading is on!
Children, teens, and adults are once again invited to participate June 6 through July 30.

For further information please refer to the back page of this newsletter or check us out on the web: www.lcpln.org.

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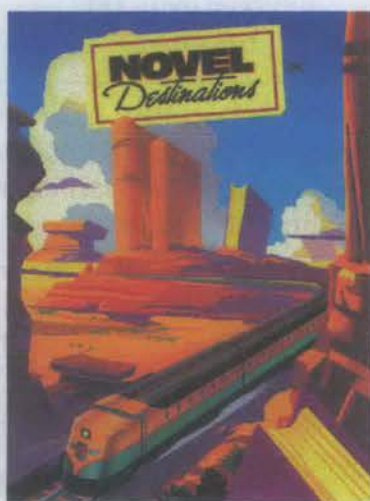
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The 2011

Adult Summer Reading Program Novel Destinations

Take time off to do something fun – READ – and earn a chance for a prize while doing it! This year's program takes place from June 6 through July 30.

For every library book, audio-book, or magazine read, enter a drawing for a chance to win weekly prizes and grand prizes at the end of the eight-week program's grand finale.

Record your reading on the online form accessed through Lake County Public Library's homepage, www.lcpln.org. Library card holders only need to fill out the form once; thereafter they may return to their record and simply enter the number of books, audio-books, or magazines read that week. Or you can simply pick up a form at the library circulation desk to fill in by hand.

So start turning those pages and read to win!

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To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnlj.htm or call 769-3541, ext. 360.

Up, Up and Away!

June 6, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Toddlers, ages 2-3, and their parent/caregivers, will hear stories about traveling the summer skies and make a craft. This program will be repeated at 2 pm. Registration Required.

Mother Goose on the Loose

June 7 & 21, Tues. at 10:00am or 2pm This half hour early literacy, lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development for babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age.

Family Movie Day

June 8, Wed. at Noon Participants may bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. Today's movie: *Around the World in 80 Days*. This adventure comedy is an adaptation of Jules Verne's famous novel. Starring Jackie Chan. Rated PG, 90 min. Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

G'Day Mate!

June 14, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Children, 4 and 5 year olds, will hear stories about adorable Australian animals. Several of the stories were written by the wonderful Australian author Mem Fox. This fun-filled story hour includes Australian activities, songs, and a craft.

Family Movie Day

June 15, Wed. at Noon Participants may bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. Today's movie: *Toy Story 3*. Revisit the delightful world of Woody, Buzz and our favorite cartoon gang. Rated G. Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

Stories from Faraway Places

June 16, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear stories from faraway places. Activities, snacks, and crafts from far away will be enjoyed right here at the Lake County Public Library.

We're Going on a Safari

June 20, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Toddlers, ages 2-3, and their parent/caregivers, will hear stories about lions, elephants, and other animals of the safari, as well as make a craft.

Family Movie Day

June 22, Wed. at Noon Participants may bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. Today's movie: *Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore*. In this age-old battle between cats and dogs, one kitty has taken things a paw too far! Rated PG, 80 minutes runtime. Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

R-O-A-R!

June 28, Tues. at 10am or 2pm This exciting story time stars the king of the jungle and other awesome animals from Africa. Pre-school age children, 4 and 5 year olds, will enjoy Africa-themed activities, songs, and a craft as well.

Family Movie Day

June 29, Wed. at Noon Participants may bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. Today's movie: *Scooby Doo! Curse of the Lake Monster*. Scooby and the gang stumble onto a mystery when the Frog Monster of Lake Erie scare away the guests at a summer resort. Rated PG, 82 minutes runtime. Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

Happy Birthday America

June 30, Thurs. at 4pm School-age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families will come celebrate the 4th of July with games, stories, and crafts.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

To online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Here Comes Curious George

June 7, Tues. at 2pm Start your summer reading journey with *Curious George* as he pays a visit to the Black Oak Branch Library. Children of all ages are welcome.

Very Hungry Caterpillar

June 14, Tues. at 2pm Preschool age children, 4 and 5 year olds, can journey with this caterpillar who loves to eat, and then color a set of cards telling the story.

Library Card Holders

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm Children, kindergarten and up, will make a special holder to keep their library cards safe in this summer program.

Pandas

June 21, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will listen to a story or two about these special animals and make a picture to take home.

Chinatown

June 23, Thurs. at 2pm Children in kindergarten and up will pay a visit to China in this program and make a special noisemaker.

Down Under in Australia

June 28, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will have fun hearing about Australia, the Land Down Under. They will also make a "Baa Baa Hand Sheep" picture.

Down Under Art

June 30, Thurs. at 2pm Children in kindergarten and up will design an Aboriginal painting in this craft program.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Meet Curious George

June 8, Wed. at 2pm Come meet *Curious George*, a storybook character that all children know and love. Have your picture taken with him too!

Pre-School Story Hour

June 13, 20, & 27, Mon. at 11am Preschoolers (ages 3-5) will enjoy stories, games, and crafts.

Lunchtime Movie

June 15, Wed. at Noon School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will watch the movie *The Tale of Despereaux*. Pack your lunch; we'll provide the juice. 94 minutes runtime; rated G.

Zumba

June 22, Wed. at 2pm Everyone is invited to dance themselves into shape. Zumba is an exhilarating, Latin-inspired dance. A certified Zumba instructor will be here to lead the fun. Please register your whole family.

Creative Artists

June 29, Wed. at 2pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) are asked to bring a plain t-shirt to the library and turn it into art. We will make tie dye t-shirts using markers. Children must bring their own t-shirt.

Griffith Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

June 8 & 22, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, and the rhymes of Mother Goose.

Curious George Comes to the Library

June 9, Thurs. at 2pm *Curious George* will be the guest at our beginning Summer Reading Program. Come in and hear about George's trip to America and meet him. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Preschooler's Discover the World

June 14, 21 & 28, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will spend five weeks visiting Australia, China, Africa, Antarctic, and the United States through stories and crafts.

Super Tots

June 15 & 29, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months and a caregiver will enjoy a series of craft and game programs all about the county fair.

Teens & Tweens Travel the World

June 15, 22 & 29, Wed. at 2pm Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will enjoy programs that will take them around the world with stops in the Outback, Japan, Egypt, France, and North America.

Friends Around the World

June 16, 23 & 30, Thurs. at 2pm Children, ages 6 to 10, will travel around the world by listening to stories and then completing a craft as they travel to Australia, China, Africa, Antarctic, and back to the United States.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

June 2, Thurs. at 3pm or 4:30pm Students ages 11 to 17 who will be volunteering at the library this summer should attend this informational program. Duties of a volunteer will be discussed and applications will be handed out. Volunteers must have an application signed by a parent before they can sign up for hours.

Mother Goose on the Loose

June 3 & 17, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Snack & Plan

June 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the library's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Earn volunteer time and join the fun!

Pre-school Story Hour

June 7, 14, 21 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts.

Hungry to Learn!

June 8, Wed. at 4:30pm School is ending, but you can still have fun learning! Enjoy stories, games and crafts as you learn about schools around the world!

Toddler Time

June 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

Summer Reading Kickoff: Around the World Fair!

June 10, Fri. at 1pm Join us as we kick off Summer Reading with a trip around the world! Enjoy games and crafts throughout the library. *Biscuit*, the loveable dog, will also make an appearance!

Cedar Lake Branch...continued

Here, There, and Everywhere Craft Mania

June 14, Tues. at 4pm Teens may choose from a variety of crafts from around the world — recycled materials chip bags, masks, worry dolls, X-ray art, boomerangs, bark art, and more!

Water, Water Everywhere

June 22, Wed. at 2pm School age kids, kindergarten to 6th grade, will enjoy water games outside and take a break from the summer heat! We'll have water fun, rain or shine!

Library Fear Factor: 4th Annual Battle of the Sexes

June 23, Thurs. at 4pm Teens will compete in fear factor games, trivia, library flag football, and other challenges. Some will be outside, so come prepared to get wet. The girls were victorious last year. Who will claim the trophy this year? Join the fun!

Freedom Fest: Family Story time Fun

June 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate America's independence, along with a few fiestas celebrated in other countries. Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and library style fireworks!

Going Dutch

June 29, Wed. at 2pm School age kids, kindergarten to 6th grade, will travel to the Netherlands for stories, crafts, and more!

Gamefest

June 29, Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Meeting

June 2, Thurs. at 6pm Students who have completed the 4th grade and are interested in joining the youth volunteers for the Summer Reading Program, must attend an informational meeting with a parent.

Open House for the Summer Reading Program

June 7, Tues. at 1pm Children of all ages can start their summer fun at Highland Library's annual Summer Reading Open House. Enjoy stories, games, refreshments, and a puppet play as we explore One World. Many Stories.

Mother Goose on the Loose

June 8, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, along with a caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and stories during this lap-sit program.

The Lego Club

June 8 & 22, Wed. at 3pm Youth *Lego* enthusiasts, grade 1 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids.

Teens & Tweens – Decoupage Bookmark

June 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm Children who have completed fourth grade and older will create bookmarks using decoupage and scrapbooking paper.

Brown Bag Movie – *The Tale of Despereaux*

June 10, Fri. at 12:30pm Join us as we watch the tale of three unlikely heroes, a misfit mouse, an unhappy rat and a bumbling servant girl. Bring your lunch and a drink, we provide the popcorn. Movies are for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

June 13 & 27, Mon. at 10:30am Two and three year olds, with their caregivers, will hear stories, sing active songs, and make a simple craft.

School Age Children's Travel Adventure

June 14, Tues. at 1:30pm Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to join us as we travel to Egypt for stories and activities.

Family Story Hour

June 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Children ages 3 to 6, with their whole family, will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays and participate in other related activities.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

June 15 & 29, Wed. at 10:30am Children will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays and participate in other related activities.

Brown Bag Movie – *Tangled*

June 17, Fri. at 12:30pm Everyone is invited to view the newly released Disney version of the story of *Rapunzel*. Bring your lunch and a drink, we provide the popcorn! Movies are for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. The film is presented on the library's cinematic screen.

Pool Age Kids Travel to Africa

June 21, Tues. at 1:30pm Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to join us as we travel to Africa for stories and activities.

Teens & Tweens Geography Game Day

June 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Children who have completed fourth grade and older will enjoy different geography games including *Geography Twister* and *Jeopardy*.

Brown Bag Movie – *How to Train Your Dragon*

June 24, Fri. at 12:30pm On the library's cinematic screen watch this film of a young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons but instead becomes the unlikely friend of the dragon. Bring your lunch and a drink, we provide the popcorn! Movies are for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet Alligator Aaron

June 28, Tues. at 1:30pm Alligator Aaron brings his live animals and explores the many ways animals have influenced human culture during his *One World, Many Stories* animal presentation. Don't miss the fun! No need to register for this program.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

June 1 to 30 The Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Summer Reading Volunteer Interviews

June 6, Mon. at 6:30pm Interview appointments for teens and tweens interested in volunteering for our Summer Reading Program must be scheduled in advance and will be approximately 10-15 minutes in length.

Mother Goose on the Loose

June 8 & 22, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (ages birth to 23 months along with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour interactive program, stories, songs, and finger plays.

Toddler Story Time

June 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver) will hear, in this half-hour interactive program, stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Princess Story Hour

June 13, Mon. at 6pm Pre-school age children (4 & 5 year olds) are invited to come dressed in princess attire for this special event. Princesses will hear magical stories, enjoy tea and cookies, and create a royal craft.

Monster Cake Pops

June 15, Wed. at 2pm Tweens, ages 9 to 13, are invited to come and make Monster Cake Pops at the library. This idea comes from author Angie Dudley's book *Cake Pops* by Bakerella.

Learn About Asia

June 16, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (kindergarten to 4th grade) will hear an Asian folktale and learn about what it is like to live in China from someone who was born there and also someone who has traveled there. We will write in Chinese calligraphy and make Japanese Samurai hats.

School Story Hour – Animals from Around the World

June 21, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will, in this hour-long program, hear stories, songs, and finger plays and make a craft. The theme is *Animals From Around the World*. The craft is a safari collage.

Hobart Branch...continued

School Age Program: Scotland - Pipes & Drums of Orak

June 23, Thurs. at 2pm This program is for school age children (kindergarten to 6th grade). Bagpipers from *Pipes & Drums of Orak* will be arriving in their kilts to play for us! They will also talk about the culture and customs of Scotland. Come and enjoy this special occasion!

Pre-school Story Hour: Mexico

June 28, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will, in this hour-long program, hear stories, songs, and finger plays, and make a craft. The theme is Mexico.

Fear Factor Party!

June 29, Wed. at 2pm The Hobart Library challenges our tweens, ages 9-13, to dabble in gross things during our *Fear Factor Party*! Do you have what it takes to sniff baby diapers, eat baby food, and hunt for creepy crawlies? If you do, come join us for an afternoon of fun. Refreshments will be served.

School Age Program: The African Continent

June 30, Thurs. at 2pm Children will hear an African folktale, learn about Africa, and have fun making African masks!

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/linc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lincj.htm or call 962-2409.

Volunteer Interviews

June 1, 2 & 4 Tweens between the ages of 11 to 13 should call the library to schedule a volunteer interview. All applicants must: (a) complete a new volunteer form, (b) have the form signed by their parent or legal guardian, (c) have completed the 5th grade, (d) schedule an interview. Interviews will take place on June 1 beginning 6 p.m., June 2 beginning 3:30 p.m., and June 4 beginning 10 a.m.

Movie Break

June 8, Wed. at 2pm School age children (kindergarten and up) will travel with the Disney-Pixar movie *Up*. Bring a snack and enjoy the movie. (rated G - 96 min)

It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald

June 15, Wed. at 2pm Children of all ages are invited to meet *Ronald McDonald* and his puppet friend *Stoogie*. They will share their excitement for books and reading.

Pre-School Story Time

June 21 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am Enjoy summer story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Boomerang

June 22, Wed. at 2pm Children that have completed kindergarten and higher will make an Australian boomerang.

Tweens Make Cake Pops

June 23, Thurs. at 2pm A Cake Pop is cute cake on a stick. Learn how to construct these delicious treats. This is a hands-on experience for tweens, (9 to 13 years of age). Be prepared to get creative!

Low Tech Games

June 29, Wed. at 2pm Children are invited to play games the old low tech way—board games!

Greyt Readers

June 29, Wed. at 6pm Come to the library and read to the dogs! Greyhounds will listen to stories you read to them. American Greyhound will provide the dogs. <http://americangreyhound.org>.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Terrific 2s & 3s

June 6, 13, 20, 27, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program gives toddlers (2 & 3 year olds) a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Fantastic 4s, 5s & 6s

June 7, 14, 21 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children (4 to 6 years of age) to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Pool Age Children's Adventure

June 8, 15, 22, & 29, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children who have completed kindergarten and older will traverse the globe through books, games and crafts.

"Brown Bag Lunch" Book Discussion

June 16, Thurs. at 12:30pm Children ages 7 and older will discuss the story *Cinderella* and its many variations found around the world. Attendees are to bring their own cold lunch to be eaten while we read one version and discuss the others.

Let's Go to Israel

June 17, Fri. at 10:30am or 2pm Special guest Michal Edelist from Israel will take kids ages 4 and older on a virtual trip to Israel through Jewish folktales and activities. Registration begins June 3rd.

Xel-Ha Escuela De Danza – Mexican Folkloric Dance

June 22, Wed. at 7pm Students from Xel-Ha Escuela de Danza will give a live performance and answer questions from the audience. This program is open to all ages, but children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Movie – *Tangled*

June 24, Fri. at 2pm Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a film on the library's cinematic screen. Snacks are allowed, but clean-up is required. Rated PG; 100 minutes

"Brown Bag Lunch" Book Discussion

June 30, Thurs. at 12:30pm Children ages 7 and older will discuss the story *Three Little Pigs* and its many variations found around the world. Attendees are to bring their own cold lunch to be eaten while we read one version and discuss the others.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.

Volunteer Meeting

June 4, Sat. at 10:00am Teens and tweens (turning 11 by August 1st) who are interested in volunteering at the library this summer, need to attend this meeting if they missed the one on May 24th.

Mother Goose on the Loose

June 7, Tues. at 10:30am This is a 30 minute program for babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Biscuit Visits the Library

June 8, Wed. at 10:30am Come meet *Biscuit*, a storybook character that children know and love. Bring your camera and take your picture with him, too!

Travel to England

June 9, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children will "travel" to England through stories, games, trivia, and food or a craft. Please bring a wallet-size photo for your "passport"!

Making Memories

June 9, 16, 23, 30 & 7/7, Thurs. at 6pm This is a five-week program for 3rd graders and up with their families. It is co-sponsored by the South Shore Performing Arts and each week a different presenter from the arts will discuss topics like book illustration, poetry, theater orchestra. Each family will make a memory book and be given a free book each week. A light snack will be provided. Sign up once the entire five-week series!

6-23 Months

June 13, Mon. & June 21, Tues. both at 10:30am This is a 30 minute interactive story time program for babies (6 to 23 months of age)

Dyer-Schererville Branch...continued

with a caregiver filled with stories, songs, and activities.

2s & 3s

June 14 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am or June 15, 22 & 29, Wed. at 1:30pm This 30-40 minute program for 2 & 3 year olds with a caregiver is filled with stories, songs, activities, and a craft.

4s & 5s

June 14, 21 & 28, Tues. at 1:30pm or June 15, 22 & 29, Wed. at 10:30am This will be approximately 1 hour and is filled with stories, songs, activities, a film, and craft.

Lunchtime Movie

June 16, Thurs. at Noon Children of all ages may bring a lunch to watch *Around the World in 80 Days*. This film is rated PG and is 90 minutes long. A caregiver must accompany preschool age children and no red drinks please!

Building Workshop

June 21 or 28, Tues. at 6:30pm School age children will build pre-packaged wood sets with the help of their parent. All materials will be supplied. The class size is limited so children should register early and may only register for one building program.

Travel to Mexico

June 30, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children will "travel" to Mexico through stories, games, trivia, and food or a craft. Please bring a wallet-size photo for your passport!

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

June 7 & 21, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger play and other activities.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun

June 8, Wed. at 6:30pm or June 11, Sat. at either 10am or 1pm Summer volunteers are needed to make the Summer Reading Program the best it can be. Teens (12 to 17 years of age) will earn volunteer hours while having fun. Teens and a parent must attend 1 of these informational meetings. Please bring your library card.

Biscuit Family Story Time

June 9, Thurs. at 11am Families will listen to stories about and meet storybook character *Biscuit*. Bring your camera and a smile for a chance to have your picture taken with everyone's favorite puppy.

A World Full of Stories

June 14 & 28, Tues. at 11am or June 15 & 29 at 2pm Children will enjoy an hour filled with stories, finger plays, crafts, or other activities. Please register for each date separately.

Amazing Legos

June 16, Thurs. at 10:30am or 1:30pm School age children, (kindergarten and up) will make their own *Lego* creations with the library's *Legos*! All supplies will be provided.

Family Story Time

June 22, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

A World Full of Stickers

June 23, Thurs. at 11am or 2pm Stickers, stickers, everywhere! Children will make a picture with bright and beautiful stickers.

Amazing Legos

June 25, Sat. at 10:30am Children will make their own *Lego* creations with the library's *Legos*! All supplies will be provided.

Creative Hands: Fun with Art Workshop

June 28, Tues. at 4pm or June 29, Wed. at 6:30pm Every month, young artists (kindergarten to 6th grade) will explore different ways to create art.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ your library



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Ready to Read:

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It seems obvious. Children, who enjoy books and being read to, will want to learn to read. Indeed, research shows that children who have positive experiences with reading aloud learn to read more easily than children who have had negative experiences. Children who like being read to are more likely to become better readers. We call this enjoyment of books Print Motivation. It is one of the six early literacy skills identified by Every Child Ready to Read. Help your child learn Print Motivation:

Share books and reading aloud even when your baby is very young. He may try to chew the book or pull at the pages. You can gently take the book, show a picture to your baby, and talk about it. But keep it fun! You may only share a page or two at a time.

You know your child's moods best, so when you are going to read aloud, pick a time that is good for your child. Stop as soon as your child loses interest and move on cheerfully to something else.

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Reader's Advisory

Come Fly With Me

"ASK"

DO YOU HAVE AN EPHEMERIS AND COULD YOU USE IT TO TELL ME WHAT ASTROLOGICAL SIGN THE MOON WILL BE IN ON JULY 23, 2011?

Yes, we have *The American Ephemeris for the 21st Century* by Neil F. Michelsen at the main library. For those who don't know, an ephemeris is a table giving the coordinates of a celestial body at a number of specific times during a given period. According to *The American Ephemeris for the 21st Century*, the moon will be in Taurus on July 23, 2011.

BOOKS

Staff Recommends

Dogged Pursuit by Robert Rodi

"Heads up, dog lovers! There's a new pooch in town and he's from Chicago! Meet Dusty and his long-suffering owner/trainer Robert. I laughed out loud reading about their adventures in agility competition. And my shelties love the cover."

JB/Reference

Enlightenment for Idiots by Anne Cushman

"When yoga teacher and free-lance writer, Amanda, travels to India in search of material for her new book about 'enlightenment,' she encounters a variety of captivating characters as she searches for the elusive secret to happiness. Woven throughout this quirky and humorous novel are Amanda's e-mail letters to her editor, descriptions of yoga poses and quotes from Indian philosophers."

DW/St. John

A Romance on Three Legs by Katie Hafner

"Much has been written about famed Canadian pianist Glenn Gould but this book concentrates on his single-minded efforts to find the perfect piano to match his exacting standards. He finds Steinway Grand CD 318 and the two make beautiful music together until...we read it and weep."

DB/Reference Emerita

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769-3541

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To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnl.htm or call 769-3541 with the extension listed for the program.

BOOKreMARKS Online

July 1 to 31 To join the month-long discussion of *First Families: The Impact of the White House on Their Lives* by Bonnie Angelo or to reserve a book, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For details visit www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm.

Live Life Laughing!

July 5, Tues. at 7pm Participate in a unique exercise routine to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed; Ext. 317.

Blood Pressure Screening

July 6, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am

Paper Crafting

July 7, Thurs. at 1pm or July 20, Wed. at 6pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive; Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

July 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Dreams from My Father, a Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barack Obama. Ext. 340.

Moon Called Book Discussion

July 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm An adult discussion group focusing on books from the paranormal fiction genre: *The Dresden Files*, with Jim Butcher's *Storm Front*. Ext. 389.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

July 29, Fri. at 10am Free informational and interactive session to understand the disease process of progressive dementias. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

July 29, Fri. at Noon Home health care, adult day care, and assisted living will be discussed. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP
BLACK OAK BRANCH
5921 W. 25TH AVE.
GARY, IN 46406
844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

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Read & Win!

July 1 to 30 Enter the books or audiobooks you've read or listened to this month for weekly prize drawings. Grand prize is a \$100 gas gift card!

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH
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GARY, IN 46408
980-5180

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Read & Win!

July 1 to 30 Enter the books or audiobooks you've read or listened to this month for weekly prize drawings. Grand prize is a \$100 gas gift card!

Book Buddies

July 25, Mon. at 4pm Discussion of *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake.

GRIFFITH BRANCH
940 N. BROAD ST.
GRIFFITH, IN 46319
838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Read & Win!

July 1 to 30 Enter the books or audiobooks you've read or listened to this

month for weekly prize drawings. Grand prize is a \$100 gas gift card!

Mystery Loves Company

July 11, Mon. at 1pm Discuss the cozy mystery *The Ghost and Mrs. McClure* by Alice Kimberly.

SciFi/Fantasy Reads

July 12, Tues. at 7pm Lively discussion of *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

Tweens & Teens Travel the World

July 13 & 20, Wed. at 2pm Young adult program taking them to the Outback, Japan, Egypt, France, and North America

Paper Creations

July 19, Tues. at 6:30pm \$5.00 fee covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

Storylovers

July 25, Mon. at 1pm or July 26, Tues. at 7pm Readers will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH
10010 WEST 133RD AVE.
CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303
374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

History on Film

July 12, Tues. at 2pm *In The Dark Ages* viewers will see how the rise and fall of the Roman Empire has sewn the seeds of modern civilization. Refreshments served.

Just Eat It!

July 12, Tues. at 4pm Teens will make different kinds of food from around the world.

Books & Chat

July 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *A Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult.

Mystery Dinner Theater

July 21, Thurs. at 4pm Teens will play the parts as they work to solve the

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mystery and eat a mysterious meal of food from around the world.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

July 26, Tues. at 2pm Northern Italy is home to some of the most beautiful mountains in Europe. Refreshments served.

Gamefest

July 27, Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation*, *Wii*, and other games.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

Teens & Tweens Framing Project

July 7, Thurs. at 1:30pm Teens and tweens (10 to 17 years of age) will create picture frames using cd cases in this recycling project.

History Film

July 11, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm *Jackie Gleason: Genius at Work* is a respect of Jackie's most popular work.

Fiction Book Discussion

July 12, Tues. at 2pm Copies of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon will be available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

July 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Police Department Community Crime Watch for Highland residents.

Crossroads-Thomas Ray Crowel

July 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Author Thomas Ray Crowel will speak about the inspiration for his three books. Register by calling 972-7353.

Armchair Travelers

July 18, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Vietnam, a socialist republic, stretches 1,000 miles from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City.

Stamp Camp

July 20, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Teens & Tweens Art Project

July 21, Thurs. at 1:30pm Teens & tweens (10 to 17 years of age) will make a rainbow flier.

Inspirational Book Discussion

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm Copies of *The Sisterhood of the Queen Mamas* are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Classics on the Big Screen

July 25, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Featuring the music of ABBA, *Mama Mia* stars Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, and Colin Firth. Refreshments served.

Mystery Book Discussion

July 28, Thurs. at 7pm Copies of *The Circular Staircase* by Mary Roberts Rinehart are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST. HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

July 1 to 30 To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Ice Cream Social

July 13, Wed. at 2pm The whole family is invited to an Ice Cream Social at the library. Please bring a topping to share.

Movie Night

July 14, Thurs. at 6pm *The Tourist* starring Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp. Rated PG-13; 103 minutes. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Book Chat

July 19, Tues. at 10:30am *Hometown Legend* by Jerry B. Jenkins. Refreshments served.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVE.

LAKE STATION, IN 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lsnc.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

July 7, Thurs. at 10:30am Readers will discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

One-On-One Computer Classes

July 12, Tues. at 10:30am and 11:30am Adults can sign up for a 1 hour session on how to use the internet, email, or write a resume.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.

MUNSTER, IN 46321

836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Crossroads-Indiana's Round Barns

July 6, Wed. at 1:30pm Shirley Willard has been active helping save Indiana's round barns and presents their history and the stories behind the people who built them. Call [Crossroads](http://www.crossroadsindiana.org) to register at 219-972-7353.

Independent Film Series

July 12, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *Nurse.Fighter.Boy* is for mature audiences; not rated; adults only; running time 93 minutes. [CC]

Gardening: Questions & Answers

July 13, Wed. at 7pm Horticulturist Bill Miller will entertain any gardening questions fielded by participants.

Explore: Bangkok

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Visit the sites of Bangkok, a city both ancient and modern. You'll tour the Grand Palace, the flower market, Wat Po, Chao Praya-Klong, Chinatown, Golden Mount, the democracy monument, the Parliament, and Marble Temple.

Blood Pressure Screening

July 28, Thurs. at 10am

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

July 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm *True Grit*, 1968 novel by Charles Portis, was the basis for the John Wayne film that nabbed Duke his Oscar.

Great Books: *Billy Budd, Sailor*

July 28, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Billy Budd, Sailor* by Herman Melville, a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Stamp Class

July 12, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Wii For Seniors

July 13, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*. Refreshments served.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

July 14, Thurs. at 1:30pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

Virtual Tourists

July 20, Wed. at 7pm Tanzania is an exotic country and one that is still waiting to be explored.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

July 21, Thurs. at 1:30pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows.

Between The Lines

July 27, Wed. at 7pm or July 28, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him* by Sharyn McCrumb.

Computer Class: Navigating The Net

July 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

ST. JOHN BRANCH

9450 WICKER DR.

ST. JOHN, IN 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Sit & Stitch

July 6 & 20, Wed. at 6pm Sit & knit or crochet & chat. Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project; a casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans.

Stamp Class

July 18, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Big Screen Musical

July 19, Tues. at 1:30pm *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* is a vehicle of stardom for Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell.

Wii For Seniors

July 27, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*. Refreshments served.

Our Summer Reading Program Ends July 30!

Don't miss out on a chance to win cool prizes.

Keep reading and submitting your entries online or at your library.

Further information can be found on our website:

www.lcpln.org



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these phrases with you as you read. Your child may also enjoy acting out parts or all of a book. She might use puppets or animals to help tell a story.



Make sure your child has a library card and take him to the library often. Let your child help you pick out books.

Attend library programs. Programs feature fun, interactive books, music and other lively activities. These experiences will also help your child associate books with fun. Check out 'Library Events' at www.lcpln.org

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Foundation Awards Readers

The Lake County Public Library Foundation recognized the top readers in its 26th annual Read-a-Thon at a special awards breakfast for the children, accompanied by their parents, school principals and librarians, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

Each year the Foundation encour-

ages schools in Calumet Township, Merrillville, Cedar Lake, Dyer, Schererville, Griffith, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Munster, New Chicago, and St. John to promote literacy through reading. In this six-week event, the children seek sponsors and read as many books as they are able. Once the funds have been collected, schools receive one-third of the total raised for their libraries.

In addition trophies and award ribbons are distributed to every participant, as well as gift cards for the top eight earners in each library branch's district. This year's top students, pictured here with the Foundation's

Board President, Marti Ross are:



Shirmara Anderson, Antionette Ulrich, Anthony Sharp, Lucas Ramsey, Madison McDaniel, Mitchell Walsh, Joey Russo, Adam Walters, John Moon, and Amelia Marshall. Missing is **Sam Parkes**, who was away on a school field trip.

Congratulations to all!

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Happenings Jr. @ your library

Children's Programming

July 2011



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Central Library www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnli.htm or call 769-3541, ext. 360.

Mother Goose on the Loose

July 5 & 19, Tues. at 10am or 2pm This half hour early literacy, lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development. Please register for the 10am OR 2pm program.

Family Movie Day

July 6, Wed. at Noon All members of the family are invited to bring snacks or lunch (no red or other dark colored drinks) to view *Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Master sorcerer Balthazar Blake recruits a seemingly everyday guy in his mission to defend New York City from his arch enemy, Maxim Horvath. The film is rated PG, with a runtime of 111 minutes.

Viva Mexico

July 7, Thurs. at 4pm We will read stories, learn about the Mexican culture and talk about Dia De Los Muertos, as well as other Mexican traditions. We will also make two crafts and have a snack.

It's An Arctic Blast!

July 12, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Everyone can cool off from the summer heat in this chilly story hour about the Arctic. Story time will include arctic activities, songs, and craft making.

Family Movie Day

July 13, Wed. at Noon All members of the family are invited to bring snacks or lunch (no red or other dark colored drinks) to view *Tron Legacy*. The son of a virtual world designer goes looking for his father and ends up inside the digital world that his father designed. Rated PG, 127 minutes.

One World, Our World

July 14, Thurs. at 4pm Participants in grades kindergarten through 4th grade will enjoy hearing about far-off people, places, and things that exist in this one world - our world - that we all share. With new and interesting books, activities, snacks, and crafts this is sure to be a world-class program.

Home in Your Heart

July 18, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Toddlers, ages 2-3, and their parent/caregivers, will hear stories about the places we call home. This program will be repeated at 2 pm.

Family Movie Day

July 20, Wed. at Noon All members of the family are invited to bring snacks or lunch (no red or other dark colored drinks) to view *Megamind*. Supervillain Megamind finally conquers Metro Man but finds his life pointless without a hero to fight. Rated PG, 96 minutes.

Welcome to Korea

July 21, Thurs. at 4pm We will read stories about Korea and learn more about Korean holidays and culture. We will make two crafts and have a snack.

Whoever You Are

July 26, Tues. at 10am or 2pm *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox will be read at this story time for school age children (4 & 5 year olds). We will celebrate how children around the world have special differences but are actually very much the same. Participating children will hear many other stories, do activities, sing songs, and make a special craft.

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Central Library...continued**Family Movie Day**

July 27, Wed. at Noon All members of the family are invited to bring snacks or lunch (no red or other dark colored drinks) to view *Tangled*. When the kingdom's most wanted bandit, Flynn Rider, hides out in a mysterious tower, he is taken hostage by Rapunzel and her 70 feet of magical hair. Rated PG, 100 minutes.

Polar-Tastic

July 28, Thurs. at 4pm School-age children, kindergarten to 5th grade, and their families will visit the North and South Pole with stories, games, and crafts.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

To online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Windmills

July 5, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will make their very own version of a windmill in this program after hearing a story about the Netherlands.

Delfts Blauwart

July 7, Thurs. at 2pm Children in kindergarten and older will craft their own versions of the famous Delft Ceramic tiles in this program.

Cool Off Time

July 12, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will hear a story or two about Japan and make their very own fan for keeping cool.

Kimonos

July 14, Thurs. at 2pm Children in kindergarten and up will journey to Japan by creating a Kimono Girl or Boy.

Back Home in the U.S.A.

July 19, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3-5, will become little cowboys and cowgirls in this program.

Yee-Haw

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm Children in grades kindergarten and up will make a cowboy key chain and a note holder as we head back to the States.

Dewey's Amazing Race

July 28, Thurs. at 2pm Children in kindergarten and up will team up in this game day as they race to complete challenges based on the Dewey Decimal System.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Lunchtime Movie

July 6, Wed. at Noon Children of all ages are invited to bring a lunch and watch a movie. No red or other dark colored drinks. Call the library for details.

Pre-School Story Hour

July 11, 18 & 25, Mon. at 11am Preschoolers (ages 3-5) will enjoy stories, games, and crafts.

Mexican Fiesta

July 13, Wed. at 2pm School age children will enjoy a Mexican fiesta. We will play Loteria, eat flautas and drink Limonade. Mucho Fun!

Make A Mask

July 20, Wed. at 2pm School age children will make their own paper mache mask. This is a two- day project. On July 27 the masks will finally be dry. All participants will then paint and decorate their mask.

Griffith Branch

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

To register visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Super Tots

July 6 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age with a caregiver, will enjoy a series of craft and game programs all about the county fair.

Crayon Critter Circus

July 7, Thurs. at 2pm Bitty Buttons the clown presents Crayon Critter Circus an interactive imaginary trip to the big top. Children will get in free. Any parent wishing to attend will be charged \$1.00.

Pre-School Age Children Discover The World

July 12 & 19, Tues. at 2pm Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will spend five weeks visiting Australia, China, Africa, Antarctica, and the United States through stories and crafts.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

July 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, and the rhymes of Mother Goose.

Tweens & Teens

July 13 & 20, Wed. at 2pm Young Adults, ages 11 to 15, will enjoy programs that take them around the world with stops in the Outback, Japan, Egypt, France, and North America.

Friends Around the World

July 14 & 21, Thurs. at 2pm Children, ages 6 to 10, will travel around the world by listening to stories and completing a craft as they travel to Australia, China, Africa, Antarctica, and back to the United States.

The Play's The Thing

July 28, Thurs. at 1pm We will end our world tour in England and have a fun program of Mother Goose to other quick one-act plays. Practice will be from 1 to 2 p.m. for children of all ages. Then at 2 p.m. we will be ready to present our plays to parents, grandparents and all interested parties.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

To register online visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Mother Goose on the Loose

July 1 & 15, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Pre-School Story Hour

July 5, 12, 19 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers, 4 & 5 year olds, will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts.

Let's Eat!

July 6, Wed. at 2pm People all around the world eat rice. School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will enjoy stories, games, and a craft as we explore this food!

Puppet Show Extravaganza

July 8, Fri. at 1pm Children of all ages are invited to join us for a puppet show, music, and other activities! Bring your camera because Maisy will also make an appearance!

Cedar Lake Branch...continued

Just Eat It!

July 12, Tues. at 4pm Teens will make different kinds of food from around the world. Eat some, take some home. Yum! Play Geography Twister and other games for fun and prizes, too!

That's Tricky

July 13, Wed. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will enjoy trickster stories from around the world, as well as games and a craft.

Toddler Time

July 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

Peter And The Wolf

July 20, Wed. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will enjoy stories, music, games, and a craft as they experience this well-known Russian story.

Mystery Dinner Theater

July 21, Thurs. at 4pm Teen participants will play the parts as they work to solve the mystery and eat a mysterious meal of food from around the world. Successful detectives will win prizes. There will also be a chance to play games that involve drama, improv, and lots of laughs.

Music, Music – Family Story Time Fun

July 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will have fun with music from many parts of the world with stories, songs, and musical activities. Make your own instrument, too!

Many Colored World

July 27, Wed. at 2pm We'll finish our world reading trip for school age children in colorful Africa with stories, games, and a craft.

Gamefest

July 27, Wed. at 4pm Teens (12 to 17 year olds) are invited to play a variety of PlayStation, Wii and other games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided. Join in the fun!

Keep on Cruising! Closing Program

July 29, Fri. at 1pm All children are invited to join us for fun and games as we celebrate the end of Summer Reading. Don't forget to return books for prizes!

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

School Age Program

July 5, 12, 19 & 26, Tues. at 1:30pm School age children, who have completed kindergarten and older, are invited to listen to a book and get crafty.

Mother Goose on the Loose- Evening Session

July 5 & 19, Tues. at 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and stories during this lap-sit program.

Mother Goose on the Loose- Morning Session

July 6 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and stories during this lap-sit program.

The Lego Club

July 6 & 20, Wed. at 3pm Youth Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids.

Tweens & Teens Create A Picture Frame

July 7, Thurs. at 1:30pm This creative project is for those who have completed fourth grade and older. We'll use cd cases to make picture frames. Bring a picture to place in the frame.

Brown Bag Movie Days

July 8, 15 & 22, Fri. at 12:30pm Children of all ages are invited to bring a lunch and a drink, we provide the popcorn. Watch favorite movies on the library's cinematic movie screen. Films are for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

July 11 & 25, Mon. at 10:30am Two and three year olds, with their caregivers, will hear stories, sing active songs, and make a simple craft.

Family Story Hour

July 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Children ages 3 to 6, with their whole family, will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays and participate in other related activities.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

July 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am Children will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays and participate in other related activities.

Tweens & Teens Create A Rainbow Flier

July 21, Thurs. at 1:30pm This creative project is for those who have completed fourth grade and older. The tweens and teens will make a rainbow flier.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

Book Giveaway

July 1 – 31 The Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

Pre-School Story Hour: India

July 5, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will, in this hour-long program, hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and make a craft. The theme is India.

Tween Summer Movie: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

July 5, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (ages 9-13) will see the PG rated movie, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Tweens Painting On Canvas

July 6, Wed. at 2pm Tweens, 9 to 13 years of age, will paint a picture on a canvas. Tweens must supply their own canvas. Please drop off a small canvas to Miss Karin the week before the program so gesso can be applied. Brushes and acrylic paints will be supplied.

Homes From Around The World

July 7, Thurs. at 2pm School age children (kindergarten to 4th grade) will hear a story, discover how homes differ around the world, and create their own home!

Star Wars Clone Wars Story Hour

July 11, Mon. at 6pm Young padawans and *Star Wars* fans (6 to 9 years of age) will hear stories about the Clone Wars and Separatist and Republic forces. Learn about the planets Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin visit, as well as the strange creatures they meet.

Pre-School Story Hour: Tea Time Around The World

July 12, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will, in this hour-long program, hear stories, songs, and finger plays, and make a craft. The theme is 'Tea Time Around the World.'

Tween Summer Movie: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*

July 12, Tues. at 6pm Tweens (ages 9-13) will see the PG rated movie, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Hobart Branch...continued**Mother Goose on the Loose**

July 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies (ages birth to 23 months along with a caregiver) will hear a half-hour of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Ice Cream Social

July 13, Wed. at 2pm The whole family is invited to an Ice Cream Social at the library. Please bring a topping to share.

Toddler Story Time

July 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver) will hear stories, nursery rhymes, sing songs, do finger plays, and will make a simple craft in this half-hour interactive program.

Water Games

July 14, Thurs. at 2pm Children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will participate in a variety of fun outdoor and indoor water relays and games, complete with water balloons. Children should bring a towel. They might also want to wear their swimsuit!

Pre-School Story Hour: Russia

July 19, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and make a craft in this hour-long program. The theme is Russia.

Tweens Project: Mosaic Paper Art

July 20, Wed. at 2pm Tweens (9 to 13 year olds) will create their own Mosaic Paper Art pieces. Tweens can bring photos or any pictures they want to include on their art piece. We will also have pre-cut paper pieces on hand.

School Age Afternoon Movie: Tangled

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm Children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will see the hit Disney movie, *Tangled*. Rated PG, it is based upon the fairytale, Rapunzel. Movie Length: 1 hour and 40 minutes. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Pre-School Story Hour: France

July 26, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers (ages 4 & 5) will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and make a craft in this hour-long program. The theme is France.

An Evening World Peace Party!

July 28, Thurs. at 6pm to 8pm Children of all ages are invited to enjoy a World Peace Party around the library! Visit a Parisian cafe, enjoy food from other countries. You can dress in the costume of your choice: represent your culture or a country that interests you. At 7 p.m., we will have a Peace Parade around the library. Also, if you wish, you are welcome to create a tie-dye Peace Sign T-Shirt (bring a t-shirt and plastic bag, we'll supply sharpies and tie-dye) and/or make tissue paper flowers from Mexico and Origami peace birds from Japan!

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lcncj.htm or call 962-2409.

Pre-School Story Time

July 5, 12, & 19, Tues. at 10:30am Summer Story Time will include stories, songs, finger plays and a craft.

Movie Break: Around the World in 80 Days

July 6, Wed. at 2pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will journey *Around the World in 80 Days* through this animated feature film. Bring a snack and enjoy the movie. (rated PG - 120 min)

God's Eye Craft

July 13, Wed. at 2pm Children that have completed kindergarten and higher will make a Mexican God's Eye.

Washington Park Zoo

July 20, Wed. at 2pm The Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City will bring animals from four continents to the library. Learn about these exotic animals from the experts. Find out how a zoo can care for so many unusual creatures from so many places.

Tweens Create A Rasta Bracelet

July 21, Thurs. at 2pm Tweens (4th to 7th grades) will make a Jamaican Rasta bracelet.

Pet Show

July 27, Wed. at 2pm Our annual pet show is on again for 2011! Registration and pet approval is required and a ticket is needed for

entry into the program. Certain pets will not be eligible for participation. Pets must come to the program on a leash or in a cage. Each pet will be awarded a certificate of participation.

Greyt Readers

July 27, Wed. at 6pm School age children can come to the library and read to the dogs! Greyhounds will listen to stories you read to them. American Greyhound will provide the dogs. <http://americangreyhound.org>.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Summertime Movie: *Neverending Story*

July 1, Fri. at 2pm Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a film on the library's cinematic screen. Snacks are allowed, but clean-up is required. Rated PG; 92 minutes.

Fantastic 4's, 5's & 6's

July 5, 12, 19, & 26, Tues. 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

School Age Globe Trotters

July 6, 13, 20 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children who have completed kindergarten and older will traverse the globe through books, games and crafts.

The Making of Munster Play – Afternoon Presentation

July 7, Thurs. at 1pm Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe will present the play *The Making of Munster*. Children who have completed 3rd grade and older will act out the history of Munster in front of a live audience. No acting experience required. Performers must arrive by 1pm. The play will be performed at 2pm. Performer registration is required and begins June 23rd. Register online or by calling the library. If enough interest is warranted, a second performance will be given at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Brittany Bosma, children's librarian.

The Making of Munster Play – Evening Presentation

July 7, Thurs. at 5:30pm Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe will present the play *The Making of Munster*. Children who have completed 3rd grade and older will act out the history of Munster in front of a live audience. No acting experience required. Performers must arrive by 5:30pm. The play will be performed at 6:30pm. Performer registration is required and begins June 23rd. Register online or by calling the library. For more information, please contact Brittany Bosma.

Terrific 2's & 3's

July 11, 18, & 25, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: *The Gingerbread Man*

July 14, Thurs. at 12:30pm Children ages 7 and older will discuss the story *The Gingerbread Man* and it's many variations found around the world. Attendees are to bring their own cold lunch to be eaten while we read one version and discuss the others.

Making Memories – A Family Enrichment Program

July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4 & 11, Thurs. at 6pm Cosponsored by South Shore Arts, *Making Memories - A Family Enrichment Program*, is a free, five-week series that incorporates writing, bookmaking, reading, music, drama, and art. Children in 2nd to 6th grades and their parents will create a memory book of their experiences. A box meal is provided at each session. Families may call the Munster Branch to register or do so online. A minimum of 7 families must register for the program to be held.

Summertime Movie – Around the World in 80 Days

July 15, Fri. at 2pm Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a film on the big screen. Snacks are allowed, but clean-up is required. Rated PG; 120 minutes.

Brown Bag Lunch Book Discussion: *Little Red Riding Hood*

July 28, Thurs. at 12:30pm Children ages 7 and older will discuss the story *Little Red Riding Hood* and it's many variations found around the world. Attendees are to bring their own cold lunch to be eaten while we read one version and discuss the others.

Summer Reading Art-a-Palooza

July 30, Sat. from 2pm to 3:30pm Summer Reading participants can pick up their reading logs and make different crafts from around the world.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville,
322-4731

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731.

6-23 Months

July 5 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am This is a 30 minute interactive program for babies and toddlers (6 to 23 months of age) with a caregiver featuring nursery rhymes, stories, music, and related activities.

Meet Maisy

July 6, Wed. at 10:30am Children of all ages are invited to meet "Maisy," a storybook character children know and love. Be sure to bring a camera and take a picture with her, too!

Travel to Ireland

July 7, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children (completed kindergarten through 6th grade) will "travel" to Ireland through stories, games, trivia, food, and a craft. Please bring a wallet-size photo for your "passport."

6-23 Months

July 11, Mon. at 10:30am This is a 30 minute interactive program for babies and toddlers (6 to 23 months of age) with a caregiver featuring nursery rhymes, stories, music, and related activities.

2's & 3's

July 12, Tues. at 10:30am, repeated July 13, Wed. at 1:30pm 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, active songs, and a craft during this 35-45 minute story time.

4's & 5's

July 12 & 19, Tues. at 1:30pm, repeated July 13 & 20, Wed. at 10:30am This is approximately 1 hour for pre-school age children and includes stories, songs, activities, a film, and craft.

Lunchtime Movie: Tangled

July 14, Thurs. at Noon Children may bring a lunch to eat as they watch *Tangled*, the animated feature film of the tale of *Rapunzel*. This film is rated PG and is 100 minutes long. Parents must accompany preschool aged children and younger. Please, no red drinks.

2's & 3's

July 20, Wed. at 1:30pm This program is approximately 30 minutes for 2 and 3 year olds with a caregiver, filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Ronald McDonald's Visit

July 21, Thurs. at 10:30am Children of all ages are invite to meet *Ronald McDonald* and his puppet friend *Stoogie*. They will share their excitement for books and reading.

2's & 3's

July 26, Tues. at 10:30am Stories, active songs, and a related craft will be featured during this story time for 2 and 3 year olds with their caregivers.

Fire! Fire!

July 27, Wed. at 2pm Children of all ages can beat the heat of summer with a spray from the Schererville Fire Engine! Bring a towel and enjoy the watery fun! In case of rain, the program will be postponed until Thursday, July 28 at 2 p.m. Registration is not required.

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave.,
365-5379

To register online visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sj.htm or call 365-5379.

Toddler Time For 2 & 3 Year Olds

July 5 & 19, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Maisy Family Story Time

July 7, Thurs. at 11am Children of all ages are invited to meet "Maisy," a storybook character children know and love. Bring your camera and a smile and have your picture taken with everyone's favorite mouse.

A World Full Of Stories

July 12 & 26, Tues. at 11am or July 13 & 27, Wed. at 2pm Children will enjoy an hour filled with stories, finger plays, crafts, or other activities. Please register for each date separately.

Creative Hands: Fun With Art

July 12, Tues. at 4pm or July 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Young artists (kindergarten to 6th grade) will explore different ways to create art.

Amazing Lego's

July 14, Thurs. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children will make their own *Lego* creations with the library's *Legos*! All supplies will be provided.

Chalk Patio Quilt

July 21, Thurs. at 11am or 2pm School age children will decorate the bricks on our back patio with chalk. We are going to make a patio quilt of different designs. The patio quilt will be on display until it rains. Please wear sunscreen and a hat and bring an old towel to sit or kneel on.

Amazing Lego's

July 23, Sat. at 10:30am Children will make their own *Lego* creations with the library's *Legos*! All supplies will be provided.

Family Story Time

July 27, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

HAPPENINGS @ your library



Every Child Ready to Read:

Print Awareness

Print Awareness is an essential early literacy skill your child must have in order to become a good reader. Print Awareness is knowing that print is everywhere and understanding how to follow print on a page. You can help your child learn this important skill:

• Make a list together before you go shopping. This type of activity helps your child learn that print has meaning.

• When you are out together, point out signs for stores and once in a store, point out the signs and words for different things.

• When you read a book together, point out the title and author. Run your finger under the title and name. As you read the book, run your finger under a sentence or phrase from time to time.

• Encourage your child to help turn the pages. It helps him learn that in English print is read from left to right.

Have fun teaching this important skill! It is wonderful to watch your child unlock the magic behind the written word.

A shopping we will go.

A shopping we will go.

We'll check the list to see what we've missed.

A shopping we will go.

Mary Grogan

Head of Reference and Circulation Services

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY WHEREVER YOU ARE!

A library is a building with lots of books in it, right? Yes, but that's not all! In the twenty-first century a library is also a collection of resources that you can use from wherever you are. Just give us a call or visit our website at www.lcpln.org to access the wealth of information that you have already paid for with your tax dollars.

Are you going on vacation? Be sure to add Lake County Public Library (219-769-3541) to the contact list on your mobile phone. You can call our Reference Desk from anywhere to get driving directions, a list of restaurants, or listings of hours and ticket prices for theme parks or museums.

Our Reference librarians can answer your questions online, too. You can chat live with a librarian Monday through Friday, 2-6 pm, by typing your question into the Ask_LCPL box on our home page; or you can click on the "Ask a Librarian" link in

the upper right corner of the page to send an email message at any time. Our librarians will usually respond within 24 hours.



When you go to college, don't forget that your local public library still offers access to eBooks and hundreds of thousands of articles

from newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals that you can read on your computer. College students are busy people who often find themselves working on assignments late at night. You can access databases such as *General OneFile*, *World History In Context*, or *Lexis Nexis Library Express* even when the library building is closed.

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We still want to see you in person at the library often. But when distance or a busy schedule makes that impossible or even just inconvenient, remember to use your phone or your computer take advantage of all that Lake County Public Library has to offer.

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Reader's Advisory

CELEBRATING SISTERS

"I RECENTLY INHERITED SOME ITEMS FROM MY GREAT-UNCLE. AMONG THESE ITEMS ARE SOME OLD MARBLES AND AN OLD MARBLE GAME. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY MIGHT BE WORTH. DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS OR SOURCES THAT COULD HELP ME?"

We have a few books on collecting marbles in our library system. If you go to our website (www.lcpl.in.org) and click on "Search the library catalog" (upper right), you will find a general key word search box. Type these key words: marbles game collecting; and you will get around 100 results.

We also have an antiques database that can serve as a great information and price guide. Again, go to our site and then to "Research" (in the blue bar). Drop down to "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases" and click on that. The *Antiques Reference* database is in the "Business/Investment" section. To use it, choose "Games" from the drop-down category box. In the keyword box, type "marbles". You should get over 100 results. If you have any questions or need help with any of these sources, call 769-3541 or stop by the reference desk.

Magazines

Staff Recommends

Some new magazines you may not have discovered yet: *Better Homes and Gardens Do-It-Yourself; Ideas for Your Home*--is a quarterly publication with truly doable do-it-yourself projects. *Do-It-Yourself* provides affordable tips and projects for both indoors and outdoors. The magazine is brightly colored and chock full of photos and illustrations.

Diabetic Living--lets you take control and celebrate a healthy lifestyle. Every issue of *Diabetic Living* is like getting an entire cookbook (50+ recipes per issue), exercise handbook, and health guide--all rolled into one.

Disney and Me--(children's) brings all of your *Disney* friends together in a fun magazine. Join Pooh, Tigger and Piglet or his other friends as they take your children along the road to discovery and learning. Each issue of *Disney and Me* includes stories, drawing matching, counting, coloring, and Fun to Learn pull-out workbook.

Fit Pregnancy--offers information on exercise, nutrition, healthcare and fitness for mothers-to-be and new mothers. The articles are timely and informative, and there is a definite "green" slant to the entire magazine. Editorial coverage includes articles on pre- and postnatal exercise and nutrition, as well as sexuality, psychology, family, fashion, and beauty. It is a how-to source on

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769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

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BOOKreMARKS Online

Aug. 1 to 31 To join the month-long book discussion of *That Summer in Sicily* by Marlena De Blasi, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Blood Pressure Screening

Aug. 3, Wed. from 10:30- 11:30am

Friends of the Library Meeting

Aug. 9, Tues. at 1pm Adults are invited to attend the Friends of the Library Board Meeting. No registration required. Ext. 317.

Great Decisions

Aug. 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:15pm The topic for discussion is: Germany Ascendant. Ext. 365.

Circle of Readers

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Jeannette Walls's latest entry: *Half-Broke Horses: A True Life Novel*. No registration required.

The Power to Save Your Teeth – Learn About Gum Disease

Aug. 15, Mon. at 6:30pm Gain the power to save your teeth. Learn about gum disease and special homecare techniques.

The Art of Living Seminar

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Learn how to find inner peace and eliminate stress through rhythmic breathing and meditation techniques. Ext. 317.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 6:30pm Join this adult discussion group focusing on books from the paranormal fiction genre: *Soulless* by Gail Carriger. Ext. 389.

Free Yoga Class

Aug. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm Come and relax with a free yoga class! Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Ext. 317.

Live Life Laughing!

Aug. 24, Wed. at 7pm Participate in a unique exercise routine to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed; Ext. 317.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 6pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Aug. 26, Fri. from 10-11:30am Free informational and interactive session to understand the disease process of progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Aug. 26, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

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GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Buddies

Aug. 29, Mon. at 4pm Discuss *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Mystery Loves Company

Aug. 8, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *The Scent of Rain and Lightning* by Nancy

Pickard with other readers.

SciFi/Fantasy Reads

Aug. 9, Tues. at 7pm Doug Adam's *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* book discussion.

Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 6pm Learn the difference between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease including risk factors, the diagnostic process and physical changes in the brain.

Paper Creations

Aug. 16, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

Aug. 22, Mon. at 1pm or Aug. 23, Tues. at 7pm Readers will discuss *31 Hours* by Masha Hamilton.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 6:30pm Adults and teens are invited to start a book club to discuss the books you enjoy. Come to this organizational meeting.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 WEST 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Aug. 1, Mon. and Aug. 16, Tues. at 1pm Learn the basics of using the computer.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

Aug. 1, Mon. at 2pm Learn about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, and word processing.

Computer Class: Email Basics

Aug. 2, Tues. or Aug. 22, Mon. at 2pm Learn to set up an email account, to send and receive email, to use attachments, and other features of email.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Aug. 3, Wed. at 2pm or Aug. 15, Mon. at 6:30pm or Aug. 16, Tues. at 2pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. continued on page 4

Computer Class: Genealogy Basics

Aug. 4, Thurs. at 2pm or Aug. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm Discover the information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, through the Library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases.

History on Film

Aug. 9, Tues. at 2pm *Berlin's Hidden History* leads viewers through revealing traces from Frederick the Great, to Hitler's regime, to the Wall, and to today's new Berlin. Refreshments served.

Books & Chat

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

Crafting Mania: Picture This!

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to create basic computer art with library computers. All materials and snacks will be provided.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Aug. 23, Tues. at 2pm Venice is one of the world's most stunning cities. Refreshments served.

Fantastic Flight Family Story Time Fun

Aug. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will soar to fun with stories and activities about flying.

Teen GameFest

Aug. 31, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation*, *Wii*, and other games.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.
HIGHLAND, IN 46322
838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

History Film

Aug. 1, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Queen Noor* chronicles the fairy-tale romance of Jordan's late King Hussein and all-American girl Lisa Halaby. Refreshments served.

Crossroads: Mohawk Iron Workers & The Twin Towers

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am In this

program for seniors, co-sponsored with First Financial Bank, the director of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies at the Newberry Library will present this program. Please call 972-7353 to register.

Armchair Travelers

Aug. 15, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Come visit the eighth largest country in the world, Argentina. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the materials.

Classics on the Big Screen

Aug. 22, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *From Russia With Love*, is the second of the *Secret Agent 007*, James Bond Series.

Classics on the Big Screen

Aug. 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, stars Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers, and Jack Gilford. Refreshments served.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

HOBART BRANCH
100 N. MAIN ST.
HOBART, IN 46342
942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

Aug. 1 to 31 To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Three entries per person, per month.

Travel the World

Aug. 2, Tues. at 2pm Travel to the Canary Islands without the expense and language barriers. Refreshments served.

Movie Night Featuring

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm Adults and teens are invited to the final chapter of the *Harry Potter Film Series* in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part One*. Rated PG-13; 146 minutes. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Book Chat

Aug. 16, Tues. at 10:30am Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*, depicts extraor-

dinary women in the 1960s whose determination forever changes their town.

Accordion Scrap Books

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6pm Learn how to make an accordion scrapbook. Bring photos. All other materials will be provided.

Stamp Camp

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at time of class to cover the cost of materials. Please bring a pair of scissors.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH 2007 CENTRAL AVE.

LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lsc.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

Aug. 4, Thurs. at 10:30am *Eventide* by Kent Haruf will be discussed. Registration not required.

One-on-One Computer Classes

Aug. 16 & 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Library patrons are invited to sign up for a 1 hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume. Must have a valid library card in good standing.

MUNSTER BRANCH

8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Power Paws for Kids' Parent Informational Meeting

Aug. 6, Sat. at 2pm Representatives (and their dogs) from *Power Paws for Kids* will be present to answer parents' questions about the program. PARENTS ONLY at this meeting. The reading program for the children will take place on Sept. 1, at 6 p.m.

Mind, Body, Wellness

Aug. 8, Mon. at 6:30pm Learn how to find inner peace through rhythmic breathing and meditation techniques.

Independent Film

Aug. 9, Tues. at 2pm & 6pm *Hawaii, Oslo* is for mature audiences; not rated; in Norwegian with English subtitles; adults only; running time 124 minutes. [cc]

Finding Our Purpose In Life

Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, Wed. at 10:30am Attend this four-week seminar to help you discover the purpose of your life.

Planting Bulbs

Aug. 10, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Bill Tobin will discuss how and when to plant bulbs.

Explore Istanbul

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Istanbul is the only city to span two continents and remains Turkey's biggest and busiest metropolis.

Blood Pressure Screening

Aug. 25, Thurs. from 10am-Noon

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Astrid & Veronika* is the debut novel by Linda Olsson.

Great Books Discussion

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Wealth Nations* by Adam Smith, a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*.

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DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm or call 322-4731.

Independent Film Series

Aug. 1, Mon. at 1pm & 6:15pm *Bad Day To Go Fishing* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Spanish with English subtitles. [cc]

Mind – Body Wellness Workshop

Aug. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm Learn how to find inner peace and eliminate stress through rhythmic breathing and meditation techniques.

Computer Class: Taming The Catalog

Aug. 4, Thurs. at 1:30pm Learn the secrets of searching the catalog. Participants must have mouse skills.

Computer Class: Open Office

Aug. 8, Mon. at 1:30pm Learn to use some of the features of the free word processing and spreadsheet available in Open Office. Participants need to have mouse skills.

Stamp Class

Aug. 9, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Beginning Genealogy: Digging For Your Roots

Aug. 10, Wed. at 2pm Join us for some fun as we look into book and online resources available through the library. Class is limited to 7 participants.

Virtual Tourists

Aug. 17, Wed. at 7pm Washington, DC –the first planned city in America, will be presented on the library's cinematic screen.

Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Aug. 20, Sat. at 9:30am Mark Lawson, trustee of the Scottish Society of Indiana, will speak on "The Ulster Scots and their Migration to the American Colonies."

Between the Lines Book Club

Aug. 24, Wed. at 7pm or Aug. 25, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us for a discussion of *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

T'ai Chi Chih

Aug. 26, Fri. at 1pm The T'ai Chi Chih form is a series of 19 movements and one pose dedicated to circulating and balancing the Vital energy (Chi) that flows within us. It can even be performed while seated!

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365-5379

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Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or call 365-5379.

Stamp Class

Aug. 1, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Sit & Stitch

Aug. 3 & 17, Wed. at 6pm A casual gathering open to beginners and seasoned veterans. Sit & knit or crochet & chat. Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun

Aug. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Special Teen Volunteer event by invitation only! Contact Deborah if you volunteered this summer and did not receive an invitation by August 1st.

Mind – Body Wellness Workshop

Aug. 15, Mon. at 6:30pm Learn how to find inner peace and eliminate stress through rhythmic breathing and meditation techniques.

Big Screen Musicals

Aug. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm Doris Day and Howard Keel star in *Calamity Jane*. Running Time: 101 minutes

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Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm or call 844-8809.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffj.htm or call 980-5180.

Spaghetti Fun

Aug. 24, Wed. at 4pm It's Spaghetti Day at your library. So, use your noodle to create a divine work of art. School age children are invited to learn a funny song, read some stories, and even snack on spaghetti!

Griffith Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-grj.htm or call 838-2825.

Pre-School Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Aug. 2 & 16, Tues. at 1pm Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a story hour where we will share books, games, music, and crafts.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Aug. 3 & 17, Wed. at 10:30am Children and a caregiver will enjoy books, action songs, rhymes, and crafts.

Cupcake Bingo

Aug. 4, Thurs. at 2pm Summer Readers can pick up their reading certificates and play a marathon bingo game for cupcakes.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Aug. 10 & 24, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, accompanied by a caregiver, will share stories, music, and the rhymes of Mother Goose.

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Griffith Library...continued**Volunteer 'Thank You' Party**

Aug. 13, Sat. at 3pm All teens and tweens who helped at the summer programs at the Griffith Branch are invited to celebrate with sundaes and cartoons.

Lego Mania

Aug. 15, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will have fun building with the library Lego blocks.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 6:30pm Do you like Graphic Novels? Let's start a book club to discuss the books you enjoy. Teens (12 to 17 years of age) are invited to come to this organizational meeting.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-clj.htm or call 374-7121.

Crafting Mania: Picture This!: Making Movies, Computer Art & More

Aug. 18, Thurs. at 4pm Teens 11 & older: create basic computer art with library computers, go on a photo scavenger hunt, or make your own short library-related video or book trailer for U-Tube. All materials—and snacks—will be provided.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Aug. 19, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 23 months of age along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

Toddler Time

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

Ewww! That's Gross!

Aug. 25, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will enjoy stories and crafts that are slimy and gross!

Fantastic Flight Family Story Time Fun

Aug. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will soar to fun with stories and activities about flying.

Teen GameFest

Aug. 31, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of PlayStation, Wii, and other games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided. Join in the fun!

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm or call 838-2394.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

Aug. 1 to 31 Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book,

simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Youth Volunteer Recognition Party

Aug. 3, Wed. at 1pm Summer volunteers will be recognized for their hard work and efforts during summer reading. Refreshments will be served.

Movie Night Featuring *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hollows, Part One*

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 5:30pm The final chapter of the *Harry Potter Film Series* begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione leave Hogwarts behind and set out to find and destroy the Horcruxes - the secret to Voldemort's power and immortality. Rated PG-13; 146 minutes. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Accordion Scrap Books

Aug. 17, Wed. at 6pm Come to the Hobart Library and learn how to make an accordion scrapbook. Bring photos from the summer or photos of your choice to put in your scrapbook. Materials will be provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lenc.htm or call 962-2409.

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-muj.htm or call 836-8450.

Lego Building

Aug. 11, Thurs. at 3pm Young *Lego* enthusiasts (kindergarten and up) are invited to stop by the library for some creative building time with other kids! If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville,
322-4731

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm or call 322-4731

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

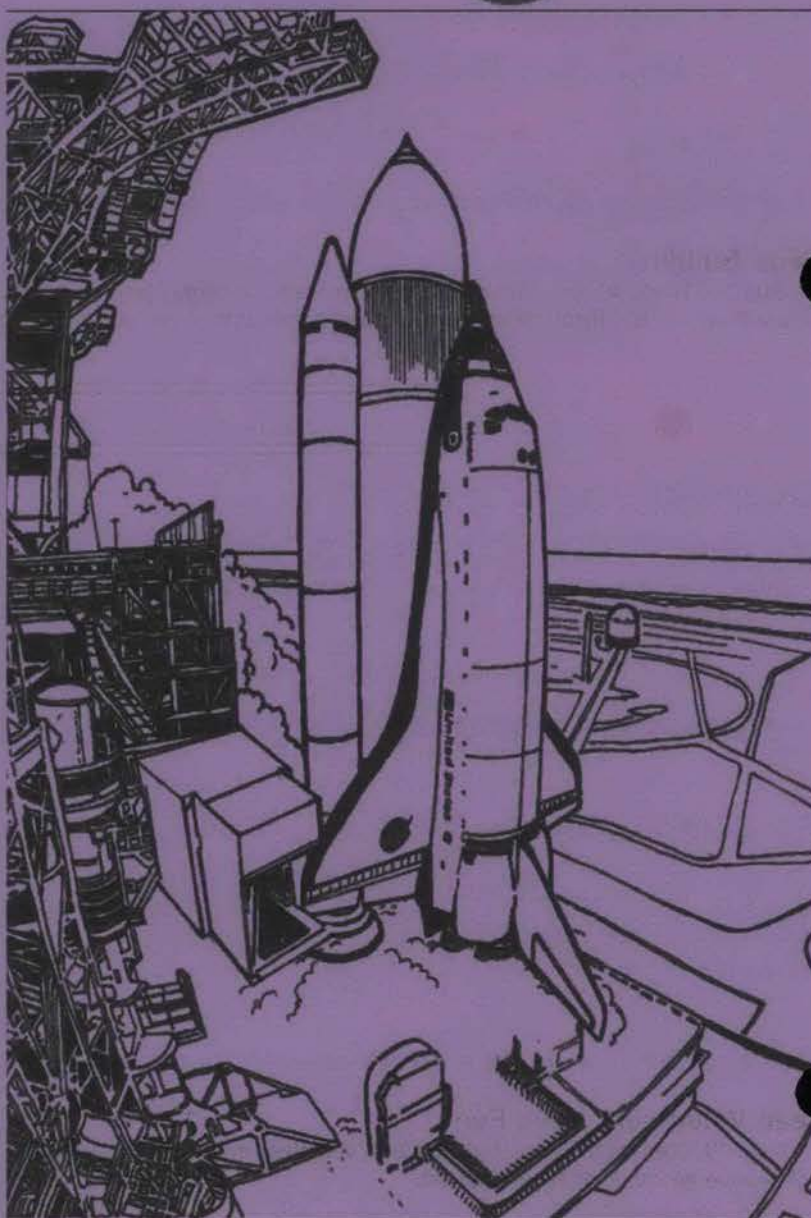
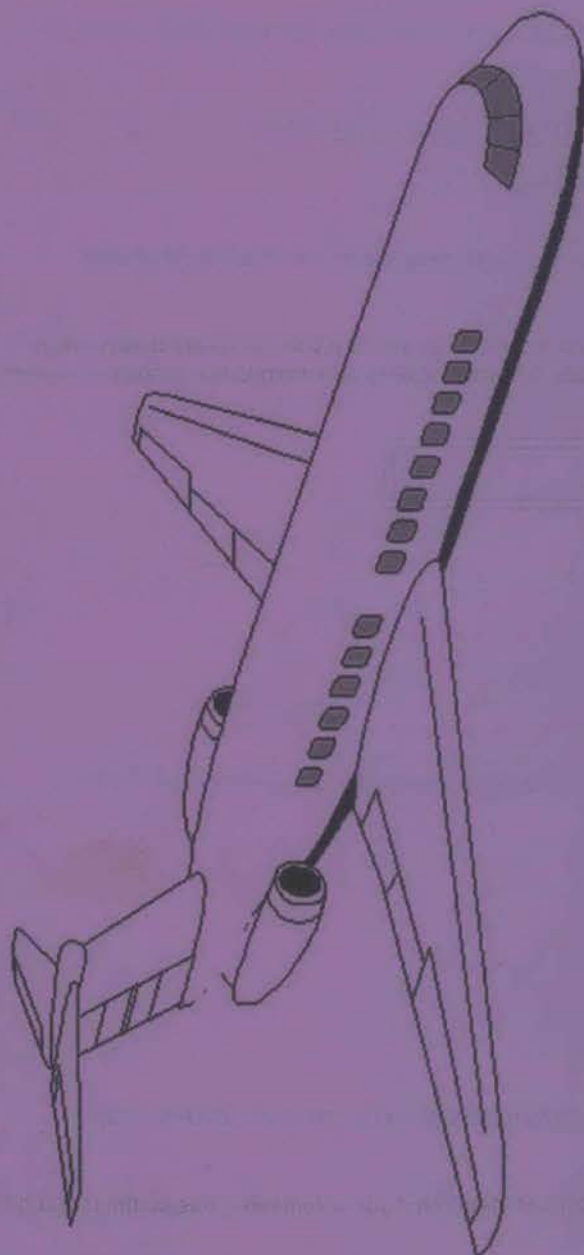
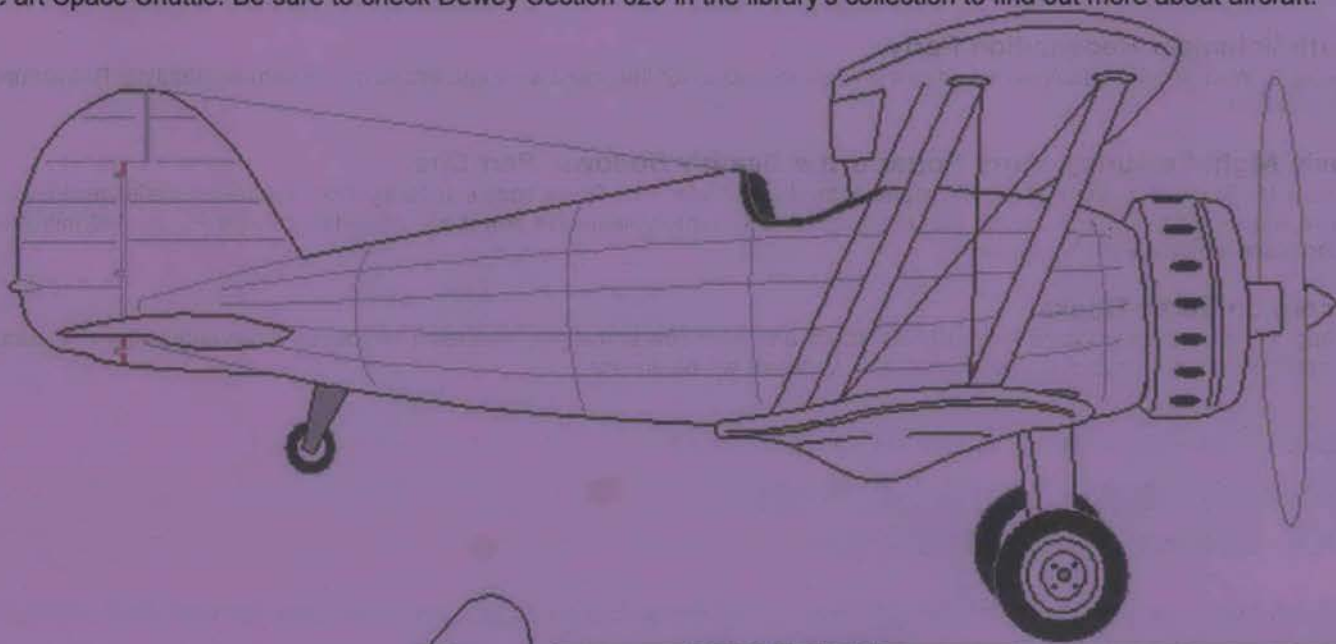
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365-5379

Registration required for all programs: visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sjj.htm or call 365-5379.

Teen Volunteers Have Fun

Aug. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Special Teen Volunteer event by invitation only! Contact Deborah if you volunteered this summer and did not receive an invitation by August 1st.

Gather your crayons or markers and have fun coloring the flying machines; one of the first bi-winged planes to our state of the art Space Shuttle. Be sure to check Dewey Section 629 in the library's collection to find out more about aircraft.



HAPPENINGS @ your library



Every Child Ready to Read:

Narrative Skills

Telling stories is part of Narrative Skills, an essential early literacy skill. The ability to describe things and events, and the ability to tell stories, helps children better understand what they read. A child who has Narrative Skills will be able to comprehend what he is reading and remember it. Preschool library programs often emphasize this skill by encouraging children to participate in the story telling by repeating phrases, acting out parts, and so on. You can help your child learn this important skill at home, too:

With very young children, use books with big clear pictures that are familiar. Talk about the pictures. Encourage your child to talk about the story and pictures by asking questions that require more than a "yes" or "no" response. Be patient. Wait for your child to answer before answering for her—count to five—or ten.

As your child gets older, share books with repeated phrases or with a cumulative tale. Encourage your child to participate in the telling. Reread favorite books and let your child 'read' some or most of the story.

Use wordless books to encourage your child to tell the story.

Talk about what you are doing. Encourage your child to tell you about his day. Ask questions to help your child add details to what he is telling you.

Let children dress up, use props, or animals and puppets to tell stories.

Attend library programs and ask your librarian for suggestions for books that help teach Narrative Skills. Check the

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Susan Gempka
Manager - Circulation Department

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD MONTH!

Each year the American Library Association designates September as National Library Card Sign-up Month and reminds parents to sign

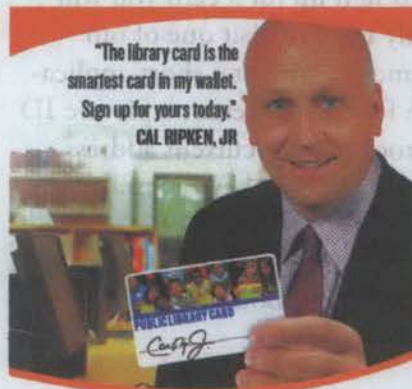
their children up for the "most important school supply of all!"

According to the ALA, children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifelong learning.

In honor of this special month, the library is celebrating its yearly slogan "Cool Kids Have a Library Card." During the whole month of September, children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade can show their library card to a children's librarian and receive a "Cool Kids" sticker and be placed in a drawing for a fabulous prize – a free book!!! Names will be

Lake County Public Library could easily become one of your favorite.

drawn at the beginning of October. In addition, each library branch will host a wealth of events and programs throughout the month. Check out "Happenings Jr. @ your library" for listings.



Get the smartest card around, visit your local branch to sign-up or for further information, please visit: www.lcplln.org

Cal Ripken, Jr. image courtesy of www.mlb.com



Of course, the library isn't just for children. We want to encourage everyone to sign up for a library card. "Why?" you might ask. Have you ever wanted to bring home a stack of good books or magazines to read

or to have the luxury of watching movies at no charge? Do you enjoy good music? Where else can you go to bring home twenty CDs and listen to music both new and different, as well as your old favorites with no charge? Do you need to do research for study or enjoyment?

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With a library card, you have access to an entire world of scholarly work, authoritative databases, genealogy resources, e-books, and community resources -- from home or in the library.

Why not invite your family and friends to get a card? Once they start using it, Lake County Public Library could easily become one of their favorite places to visit. It doesn't take long to see that the library is packed with rich, quality material that can meet all of your educational, recreational, and informational needs.



To sign up for a card you will only need to visit one of our branches, fill out a short application form and present a picture ID and proof of your current address.

Those under 18 must have a family member 18 or over sign for the card. You will be able to use your new card immediately! If you don't live in our taxing district, ask us about our other card options.

We hope you will encourage your children, family, and friends to apply for the smartest and most affordable card there is -- then use it and enjoy it! We always look forward to seeing you!

"I LIVE IN SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS. I SAW FROM YOUR ONLINE CATALOG THAT YOU HAVE A BOOK NOT AVAILABLE AT MY LOCAL LIBRARY. IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THIS TITLE FROM YOU THROUGH INTER-LIBRARY LOAN? THE TITLE IS 'THE STEAMPUNK BIBLE' BY JEFF VANDER MEER."

Your local library will have to make a request to borrow this title for you. Inter-library loans must originate from your local library.

Documentary film on DVD

Staff Recommends

Baseball's Greatest Games: 1960 World Series. Game 7

DVD 796.357 BASE 224 minutes

The most unlikely upset in World Series history? Judge for yourself. Original television broadcast plus bonus material-interviews, highlights, more

The Making of the King James Bible

DVD 220.5203 MAKI 46 minutes

2011 is the 400th anniversary of the creation of this version of the Bible.

Inside Job

DVD 358.542 INSI 120 minutes

Matt Damon narrates this look at the 2008 financial crises which cost over \$20 trillion, caused millions of people to lose their jobs and homes in the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Gasland

DVD 622.1828 GASL 107 minutes

The controversial practice of hydraulic fracking is examined. This procedure is used for natural gas extraction that is understudied and may be inadequately regulated.

My Dog-an Unconditional Love Story

DVD 636.7 MYDO 50 minutes

The unique relationship between people and their pets are explored with candid interviews with notable dog lovers.

Azorian: The Raising of the K-129

DVD 627.703 AZOR 104 minutes

In 1968 a Soviet submarine sank in the Pacific. CIA put in a secret program to raise it in 1974. Now the story can be told by the men who made it happen with footage never before seen of the actual salvage attempt and the resulting successes and failures.

And three for those who can't get enough of romance....

William & Kate: Planning a Royal Wedding

DVD 392.5066 WILL 60 minutes

The Royal Wedding: William & Catherine

DVD 392.5086 ROYA 120 minutes

British Royal Weddings of the 20th Century

DVD 395.22 BRIT 180 minutes

CENTRAL LIBRARY
1919 WEST 81ST AVE.
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410
769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Registration required for all programs: call the extension listed or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm.

BOOKreMARKS Online

Sept. 1 to 30 To join the online book discussion of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand: A Novel* by Helen Simonson, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sept. 7, Wed. at 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder. Registration is not required.

End Friday of the Month Club

Sept. 9, Fri. at 9am Due to the renovation project at the Central Library, the location of this program has been temporarily moved. Please call (219) 755-6140, ext. 1839 for location details.

Great Decisions

Sept. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion this month is: Sanctions and Nonproliferation.

Gaming Night

Sept. 14, Wed. at 6pm Teens are invited to play *Wii* and *PlayStation 2* and enjoy snacks. Ext. 360.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Discussion of *Blood Red* by Heather Graham. Ext. 400.

Live Life Laughing!

Sept. 21, Wed. at 7pm Participate in a unique exercise routine to oxygenate the body, reduce stress, and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed. Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Sept. 30, Fri. at 10am Free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progres-

sive dementias. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Sept. 30, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm or call 980-5180.

Book Buddies

Sept. 26, Mon. at 4pm Discuss *A Room With a View* by E.M. Forster with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm or call 838-2825.

Mystery Loves Company

Sept. 12, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *In Arcadia Falls* by Carol Goodman with other readers.

Meet the Mouse Computer Class

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm Learn and practice basic skills with the computer's mouse.

Basic Windows Plus-Computer Class

Sept. 13, Tues. at 3:30pm Beginners will learn about Windows and simple word processing computer skills.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Reads

Sept. 13, Tues. at 7pm Join the discussion of *Telepath* by Spider Robinson.

Navigating the Web

Sept. 14, Wed. at 2pm Learn the computer basics for internet searches on Google or Yahoo.

Paper Creations

Sept. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

Alzheimer's Disease: Know the 10 Signs

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 1pm Introductory program that provides an understanding of age-related memory loss vs. Alzheimer's disease.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens should bring a favorite graphic novel for this first informal book discussion.

StoryLovers

Sept. 26, Mon. at 1pm or Sept. 27, Tues. at 7pm Discuss *Goodbye Mr. Chips* by James Hilton with other readers.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 WEST 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm or call 374-7121.

Snack & Plan

Sept. 12, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board will plan programs and earn volunteer hours.

History on Film

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm Prominent archaeologists and historians venture through England and Wales in search of Camelot and the legendary site of the Round Table.

Cool It Colorama Crafting Mania

Sept. 13 & 14, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to make sidewalk paint and chalk, and experiment with splatter painting.

Gamefest

Sept. 21, Wed. at 3pm Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games.

Books & Chat

Sept. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.

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Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Sept. 27, Tues. at 2pm A video trip to New York, the Big Apple, the largest city in the US.

HIGHLAND BRANCH
2841 JEWETT ST.
HIGHLAND, IN 46322
838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm or call 838-2394.

History Film

Sept. 12, Mon. at 2pm and 6:30pm *Dean Martin, the One and Only*, documents the life and career of one of the world's most admired entertainers.

Fiction Discussion

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss the first book in the trilogy, from the late Stieg Larsson, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Sept. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm The bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Police Department Community Crime Watch with Officer Shawn Anderson.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 2pm Join this discussion of *Tomorrow's Treasure* by L.L. Chaikin, the first book in the East of the Sun series.

Armchair Travelers

Sept. 19, Mon. at 2pm and 6:30pm Visit New Zealand on film, a land of unspoiled landscapes and immense natural beauty, with amazing extremes of climate and terrain.

Book Looks for the Book Lover

Sept. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Informational resources for book discussion groups or those who just love to read. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Sept. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Family Craft Night

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 6:30pm The whole

family is invited to hear a story and make a craft.

Mystery Book Discussion

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 7pm *The Pyramid* by Henning Mankell.

Classics on the Big Screen

Sept. 26, Mon. at 2pm and 6pm View the 2010 remake of the classic film *True Grit*. Refreshments served.

Teen Gaming

Sept. 27, Tues. at 4pm Teens are invited to play *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBERT TOWNSHIP

HOBERT BRANCH
100 N. MAIN ST.
HOBERT, IN 46342
942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm or call 942-2243.

Book Giveaway

Sept. 1 to 30 Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. Stop in for details.

Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 3, Sat. at 9:30am Pancakes will be served from 9:30am till Noon.

Travel the World to Paris

Sept. 6, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers.

Movie Night Featuring Overboard

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 6pm *Overboard* stars Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. Rated PG; 112 minutes. Popcorn and lemonade served.

Book Chat

Sept. 20, Tues. at 10:30am *Rooftops of Tehran* by Mahbod Seraji will be discussed.

The Power to Save Your Teeth: Learn About Gum Disease

Sept. 29, Thurs. at 5:30pm Gain the power to save your teeth when daily tooth brushing is not enough. Come and learn about gum disease and homecare techniques.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH
2007 CENTRAL AVE.
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm or call 962-2409.

Morning Book Chat

Sept. 1, Thurs. at 10:30am The book *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo is a comic and compelling tale of blue-collar life in a Maine mill town.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Sept. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Register for this basic class to learn computer skills.

One-On-One Computer Class

Sept. 13, Tues. at 11:30am A 1 hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

MUNSTER BRANCH
8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Registration required for all programs visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm or call 836-8450.

Crossroads: An Afternoon of Big Band Memories

Sept. 7, Wed. at 1:30pm Local bandleader Steve Cooper will present an hour-long program of rare videos and films of performers and songs from the days of the Big Bands and early television. Register by calling Crossroads at 219-972-7353.

Classic Hollywood Musicals

Sept. 12, Mon. at 2pm The road to true love is roughened by mistaken identities in *Top Hat*, starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Not rated; 103 min. Refreshments served.

Meet the Mouse Computer Class

Sept. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Learn the basics of using a computer, particularly how to navigate by using the mouse.

Monday, September 5, 2011

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Regular operating hours resume Tuesday, September 6.

Independent Film: *Bomber*

Sept. 13, Tues. at 2pm and 6:30pm
Bomber is for mature audiences; not rated;
adults only; running time 84 min; [CC]

Library Catalog 101

Sept. 14, Wed. at 10:30am Learn how
to check your library account, place holds
and search for materials through the online
catalog.

Beyond Great Books

Sept. 14, Wed. at 7pm Participants will
discuss the *The Rights of Colonists* by
Samuel Adams, *To the Inhabitants of the
Colony of Massachusetts Bay and Thoughts
on Government* by John Adams, and the
Declaration of Independence.

Navigating the Net Computer Class

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 10:30am Learn how
to find a myriad of information through the
Internet.

Explore Krakow

Sept. 15, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Visit
the city core of Krakow, with its old streets
and squares.

Meet the Mouse Computer Class

Sept. 19, Mon. at 1:30pm Learn the basics
of using a computer and how to navigate by
using the mouse.

Library Catalog 101

Sept. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn how
to check your library account, place holds,
and search for materials through the online
catalog.

Navigating the Net Computer Class

Sept. 21, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn how
to find a myriad of information through the
Internet.

A Night at the Opera

Sept. 21, Wed. at 7pm Belinda Potoma of
the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss
the background of the opera *The Tales of
Hoffmann* by Jacques Offenbach. Musical
highlights accompany the presentation.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 10-11am

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discussion of
Anna's Compass by Anne.

Great Books: *Antony and Cleopatra*

Sept. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are in-

vited to a discourse of *Antony and Cleopatra*
by William Shakespeare, a selection from the
Second Series of Great Books.

Classic Hollywood Musicals

Sept. 26, Mon. at 2pm *Cover Girl* is a vin-
tage wartime musical starring Rita Hayworth,
Gene Kelly, Phil Silvers, Leslie Brooks, and
Eve Arden. Not rated; 107 min. Refresh-
ments served.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH

1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Registration required for all programs
visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm
or call 322-4731.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 1pm The Basics is
designed to educate attendees about the
difference between normal memory loss and
Alzheimer's disease. Call the Alzheimer's
Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or the library at
322-4731 to register.

Young Readers

Sept. 8, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens are in-
vited to meet monthly to review books they
have read.

Stamp Class

Sept. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5
fee to cover the cost of materials provided,
due at the time of the class. Please bring a
glue stick.

Wii for Seniors

Sept. 14, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors
in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*.

Citizenship Class

Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 and 11, Tues. at
6:30pm to 8:00pm Citizenship Orientation
- Lake County Public Library partners with
the International Community Alliance of NWI
to introduce the process for becoming a US
Citizen. No registration necessary. Any ques-
tions, call 980-4636.

Virtual Tourists

Sept. 21, Wed. at 7pm *Wonders Sacred
& Mysterious* is a visit to Stonehenge, Pyra-
mids of Giza, Hagia Sophia, Borobudur, St.
Peter's Basilica, and the Taj Mahal.

Between the Lines

Sept. 28, Wed. at 7pm or Sept. 29, Thurs.
at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *Olive Kit-
teridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER DR.
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Registration required for all programs
visit: www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm or
call 365-5379.

English As A Second Language

Sept. 6 to Nov. 10, Tues. & Thurs. from
6:30pm to 8:30pm Learn or improve your
English speaking skills. Lessons are for vari-
ous levels: non-English speaking, beginning,
intermediate, and advanced on Tuesday and
Thursday evenings. Join in at anytime for
these free tutorial sessions. Registration is
not required; for details call Rosella Garcia
at 219-769-3541.

Sit & Stitch

Sept. 7 & 21, Wed. at 6pm Bring your
crocheting, knitting or sewing project and
join us for conversation and fun.

Cool Kids Family Story Hour

Sept. 17, Sat. at 10:30am or Sept. 22,
Thurs. at 4pm Families with children will par-
ticipate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

Stamp Class

Sept. 19, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee
that covers the cost of the materials provided.
Payment is due at class.

Big Screen Musicals

Sept. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm *Gold Diggers
of 1935* stars Dick Powell, Gloria Stuart, and
Adolphe Menjou. Running Time: 95 minutes.

Wii for Seniors

Sept. 28, Wed. at 2pm Join other seniors
in electronic gaming using *Wii Sports*.

Time Out for Reading Family Story Hour

Sept. 30, Fri. at 10:30am Children and
their families will participate in stories, crafts,
and other activities. Show us your library card
and choose a prize.

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library website for programs at www.lcpln.org. Click on 'Library Events' at the top right
side of the page to search for programs. To
find recommended books, click on 'Kids' and
then on 'Every Child Ready to Read'.

HAPPENINGS @ your library



Every Child
Ready to Read:

Learning Narrative Skills with Dialogic Reading

Narrative skill is one of six essential early literacy skills your child needs to know in order to become a successful reader. Narrative Skill is the ability to tell about an event or story and to describe things. You can help teach this important skill to your child by using a technique called Dialogic Reading:

- Read a book to your child as you normally would. Then go back and talk about the pictures and what is happening in them. What you talk about doesn't need to be related to the story at all. You are engaging your child in conversation around the pictures. Try to ask questions about the pictures that encourage more than a yes or no answer. Also, try to relate the pictures and questions to your child's experiences. For example pointing to a picture of a lion, you might ask, "What happened when we saw the lion at the zoo last week?" or, "How do you think the boy in the picture is feeling?" and "Do you remember a time when you felt that way? What happened?"
- Always allow sufficient time for your child to answer the question. Talking back and forth uses different parts of the brain and young children naturally take longer to compose a response. Count to five before prompting him.

Barbara Sakowski
Reference Librarian

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Reading books and talking about them naturally go together. In fact, book lovers just can't help themselves. They feel compelled to share their enthusiasm for a book with their friends and acquaintances. Then they tell two friends and they tell two friends and ... a bestseller is born!

Conversely, have you ever read or started a book, only to toss it aside as a waste of your precious time? Hopefully, you shared that opinion with friends as well.

Lake County Public Library offers many opportunities to meet with "friends" (other reading enthusiasts) to share your thoughts about particular books. Groups of book lovers gather to chat about a designated title on a monthly basis. There is something for everyone – up to seventeen diverse discussion groups in all. Do you devour mysteries? There are book clubs for that genre. Prefer inspirational fiction? Meet with like-minded readers at the Highland Branch Library. Have you read every

Twilight book twice and crave more of the same? Your "Moon Called" group meets at the Central Library in Merrillville. Anyone for nonfiction? Classics? Memoirs? We offer discussions of all the genres!

There are clubs that meet in the mornings, afternoons, evenings, or anytime that you choose to turn on your computer to read your email! Yes, you don't even need to leave home to chat about books. BOOKREMARKS is an online discussion group that communicates through email. Each discussion takes place over the course of a month. Privacy is protected because messages are shared anonymously through remarks@lcpln.org. To join the discussions, send a message to that address with "subscribe" on the subject line. You can learn about this group and read past discussions at <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>. Comments are posted there after be-

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ing shared through email. BOOKreMARKS is one of the groups that discusses a variety of titles among its members: mysteries, memoirs, biographies, historical fiction, young adult, humor, Indiana authors and more.

To find the times and locations where book lovers will gather over refreshments to discuss the pros and cons of authors and titles, visit <http://host5.evanced.info/lakecounty/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> or use the link "Library Events" on our homepage, www.lcpln.org



Use the chart below to find the perfect group for your reading tastes or try something new. To quote one online member, "I like being part of the book club; it has expanded the types of books that I read."

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

GENRE	LIBRARY	TIME
Variety	Central	email/online each month
Variety	Central	2nd Thur. 6:15 – 8:15 PM
Variety	Cedar Lake	3rd Wed. 6:30 PM
Variety	Dyer-Schererville	4th Wed. 7 – 8 PM
	repeated	4th Thur. 10:15 – 11:30 AM
Variety	Hobart	3rd Tue. 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Variety	Lake Station-NC	1st Thur. 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Variety	Munster	4th Thur. 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Classics	Munster	Various Wednesdays 7:00 PM
Classics	Munster	4th Thur. 7 – 8:30 PM
Fiction	Highland	2nd Tue. 2 – 3:30 PM
Mostly Fiction	Griffith	4th Mon. 1 – 3 PM
	repeated	4th Tue. 7 – 8 PM
Mostly Fiction	Forty-First	Last Mon. 4 – 6 PM
Inspirational	Highland	3rd Thur. 2 – 3:30 PM
Mysteries	Griffith	2nd Mon. 1 – 2:30 PM
Mysteries	Highland	4th Thur. 7 – 8:15 PM
Paranormal	Central	3rd Thur. 6:30 – 7:45 PM
Sci-Fi/Fantasy	Griffith	2nd Tue. 7 – 8 PM (through Oct.)

I HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT AT SCHOOL ABOUT VEGETARIANISM. DO YOU HAVE ANY RESOURCES BESIDES RECIPE BOOKS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, LIKE PRO AND CON?

The library subscribes to a database called "Opposing Viewpoints" which you can access either at the library (using our computers or your own with WiFi) or at your home. Go to the library's website (www.lcpln.org) and go to the "Research" link in the blue bar at the top. Drop down to "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases" and click. You can find "Opposing Viewpoints" alphabetically. By typing "vegetarianism" in the database search bar, you will find many up-to-date articles.

Books Staff Recommends

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

by Karen Armstrong

As the author of numerous books on religion and religious affairs, Armstrong has encountered repeatedly the common thread of major religions – the Golden Rule. "Do to others as you would have them do to you." She acknowledges the difficulty most people face in applying this rule in all aspects of their lives and suggests ways in which all of us can increase our capacity to think and act compassionately.

Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind 'Little Women'

by Harriet Reisen

A fascinating biography of this well-known author, the only woman in the card game "Authors." The historical figures she and her family knew are numerous – Emerson, Thoreau, Whitman, Cassatt, and Stanton, among others. The Transcendentalists, abolitionists, and suffragists all shaped her social milieu, her principles, and the concepts that appear in her writings.

Testimony of an Irish Slave Girl

by Kate McCafferty

US history classes don't stress the number of indentured and kidnapped European persons who were enslaved in the western hemisphere in the 17th century. These people were treated as badly as African slaves – beaten, mated like animals by their owners, considered subhuman – and joined with them in uprisings in the Caribbean. This novel suggests how life would have been for one such woman, kidnapped and brought to Barbados at the age of eleven.

In the Castle of the Flynns

by Michael Raleigh

Raleigh's presentation of a year in the life of Daniel Doran, orphaned at the age of seven, is so personal and poignant and true to its setting (a Chicago neighborhood in the 1950s) that it seems impossible that it isn't "true."

CENTRAL LIBRARY
1919 WEST 81ST AVE.
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410
769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the extension listed or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm.

BOOKreMARKS Online

Oct. 1 to 31 This month's title is *Half-Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Oct. 1, Sat. at 10am Public presentation for both new and seasoned Medicare beneficiaries to learn the latest from the Medicare Program. Please contact 219-838-4873 for more information. Registration not required.

Blood Pressure Screening

Oct. 5, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Free blood pressure screening provided. Registration not required.

How To Use Coupons

Oct. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Learn to shop strategically with coupons to cut grocery and drugstore purchases in half. Ext. 317.

Yoga Class

Oct. 10, Mon. at 6:30 pm Come and relax with a free yoga class! Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Ext. 317.

Great Decisions

Oct. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion this month: *The Caucasus*. Please note: The discussion has returned to the Central Library. Ext. 317.

Paper Crafts With Jane

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand: A Novel* by Helen Simonson. Registration not required.

Live Life Laughing!

Oct. 19, Wed. at 7pm A unique exercise routine to oxygenate your body, reduce stress, and change your mood. No mats needed. Ext. 317.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 6:30pm This month we visit Enchantments Antique shop in Madelyn Alt's *The Trouble with Magic*. Ext. 700.

The Science of Ghost Hunting

Oct. 24, Mon. at 7pm Learn the techniques and technology used to investigate the supernatural. Ext. 317.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Oct. 28, Fri. at 10am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Oct. 28, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Highland Writer's Group Halloween Celebration

Oct. 29, Sat. 2-4pm Highland Writer's Group will be celebrating Halloween with a reading of their scariest (and funniest) stories and poems. Come in costume for a chance to win autographed copies of books by some of NW Indiana's talented authors. Adults and teens join the fun, if you dare! Refreshments served.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm.

Book Buddies

Oct. 24, Mon. at 4pm *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett is the best seller that swept the nation and became a blockbuster film this past summer.

GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-gra.htm.

Mystery Loves Company

Oct. 10, Mon. at 1pm Discuss the scary debut novel *Heart Shaped Box* by Joe Hill with other readers.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Reads

Oct. 11, Tues. at 7pm We will be discussing *War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells.

Paper Creations

Oct. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

Oct. 24, Mon. at 1pm or Oct. 25, Tues. at 7pm Discuss *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin with other readers.

How to Sell on eBay and Ship by UPS

Oct. 25, Tues. at 10:30am Learn how to sell on eBay and ship your items using the U.S. Postal Service.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens discuss Neil Gaiman's *Sandman Series*.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 WEST 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cla.htm.

History Film

Oct. 11, Tues. at 2pm Discover the crucial role of the submarine in *Secrets of WWII: Above the Enemy*.

Haunted Crafts

Oct. 11 & 12, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens create Halloween décor as they make and eat gross and creepy food.

It's Always Fun @ Your Library Festival

Oct. 15, Sat. at 1pm To celebrate *Teen Read Week*, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages.

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Knitting Class

Oct. 17, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

Books & Chat

Oct. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Hart's War* by John Katzenbach, the 2011 Books to Bridge the Region selection.

Monster Mania Family Story Time Fun

Oct. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Enjoy a puppet show, stories, and other fun activities about not-so-scary-at-all monsters!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Oct. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a blend of history, travel, culture, photography, and people of southern Germany. Refreshments served.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hl.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hia.htm.

History Film

Oct. 3, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm The film, *One Cool Cat*, looks at the life and career of entertainer, Sammy Davis Jr. Refreshments served.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Oct. 5 or 12, Wed. at 2pm Learn the basics of how to move and "click" the mouse effectively.

Computer Class: Basic Computers

Oct. 6, or 13 Thurs. at 2pm For beginners on the keyboard, the desktop, and simple word processing skills.

Gordon Wilder Travelogue

Oct. 10, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Slide presentation featuring Madrid, Toledo and Cordoba, Spain. Refreshments served.

Fiction Book Discussion

Oct. 11, Tues. at 2pm Discuss *The Scent of Rain and Lightning* by Nancy Pickard with other readers.

CrossRoads

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am Ronald Sol-

berg, author of *The Whizbangs of Oohs and Ahs: Those Magnificent Traveling Salesmen of Illinois* discusses the role Illinois and Chicago played in the history of "America's Traveling Salesmen." Call Crossroads at 972-7353 to register.

Armchair Travelers

Oct. 17, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel to Paris, the capital of France and one of the most romantic cities in Europe.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Oct. 18, Tues. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Stamp Camp

Oct. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects you will complete.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Discuss *From a Distance* by Tamera Alexander with other readers.

Classics on the Big Screen

Oct. 24, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Soul Surfer* is the inspiring true story of Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously became a champion surfer again.

Teen Gaming

Oct. 25, Tues. at 4 pm. Teens are invited to play *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* as well as board games.

Mystery Book Discussion

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Discuss *Nemesis* by Jo Nesbo with other readers.

Classics on the Big Screen

Oct. 31, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Join us as we watch Hitchcock's classic thriller, *North By Northwest* featuring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoa.htm.

Book Giveaway

Oct. 1 to 31 To receive a free book from our book sale room, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Pick up a book review form at the

circulation desk. Three entries per person.

Travel the World to Bali

Oct. 4, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers to visit Bali.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Oct. 17, Mon. at 6pm A 2011 Books to Bridge the Region selection, this movie is based on the book by John Boyne. Movie is rated PG-13.

Book Chat

Oct. 18, Tues. at 10:30am A discussion of *The Crying Tree* by Naseem Rakha. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, to cover the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Fall Fun Fest

Oct. 26, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to our 3rd annual Fall Fun Fest. Hot dogs and lemonade will be served.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH

2007 CENTRAL AVE.

LAKE STATION, IN 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lscn.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm.

English As A Second Language Classes

Oct. 3 through Nov. 9, Mon. & Wed., 6:30 to 8pm Free classes for those wishing to learn English or improve their current English language skills. No registration required

Morning Book Chat

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 10:30am The book *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher will be discussed.

One-on-One Computer Class

Oct. 11 or 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Patrons can sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume.

Teen Book Club

Oct. 11, Tues. at 4pm Teens are invited to join in the book discussion of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne.

MUNSTER BRANCH
8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

**Registration required for all programs;
call the library or visit [www.lcpln.org/
pgm-mua.htm](http://www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm).**

A Night At The Opera

Oct. 5, Wed. at 7pm Barbara DeBolt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Gaetano Donizetti.

Classic Hollywood Musicals

Oct. 10, Mon. at 2pm The 1951 film version of *Show Boat* is based on the Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II musical play from Edna Ferber's novel. Not rated; 108 min. Refreshments served.

Independent Film

Oct. 11, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Illegal* is for mature audiences; not rated; in French and Russian with English subtitles; adults only; running time 95 minutes. [CC]

Beyond Great Books

Oct. 12, Wed. at 7pm Participants will discuss *Sketches of American Policy* by Hugh Webster.

Explore The Spanish Islands

Oct. 20, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Explore the Spanish Islands by taking in the world famous Balearics in the Mediterranean and the Canary Islands.

Medicare 101

Oct. 22, Sat. at 10am Public presentation for both new and seasoned Medicare beneficiaries to learn the latest from the Medicare Program. Please contact 219-838-4873 for more information.

Classic Hollywood Musicals

Oct. 24, Mon. at 2pm *Funny Face*, a musical satire on the fashion scene, features Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn. Not rated; 103 min. Refreshments served.

Blood Pressure Screening

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 10am Free blood pressure screening provided. Registration not required.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Hart's War* by John Katzenbach is a courtroom drama with an interesting spin on "change of venue," the venue being a German POW camp.

Great Books

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Knight of Faith* by Soren Kierkegaard, a selection from the Second series of Great Books.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

DYER-SCHERERVILLE BRANCH
1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

**Registration required for all programs;
call the library or visit [www.lcpln.org/
pgm-dsa.htm](http://www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm).**

Independent Film Series

Oct. 3, Mon. at 1pm & 6:15pm *Jaffa* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Hebrew with English subtitles. [cc]

Stamp Class

Oct. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourists

Oct. 19, Wed. at 7pm *Spain*-Our journey takes us to Galicia, Vigo, Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, and ends in Granada.

Between the Lines

Oct. 26, Wed. at 7pm or Oct. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of this debut novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

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9450 WICKER DR.
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

**Registration required for all programs;
call the library or visit [www.lcpln.org/
pgm-sja.htm](http://www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm).**

Stamp Class

Oct. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

English as a Second Language

Oct. 4 through Nov. 10, Tues. & Thurs. from 6:30 to 8pm Learn or improve your English speaking skills. Language lessons are offered for various levels: from non-English speaking, to beginning, to intermediate, to advanced on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Registration not required.

Sit & Stitch

Oct. 5 & 19, Wed. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project and join us for some conversation and fun.

Big Screen Musicals

Oct. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm Dolores Del Rio and Gene Raymond star in *Flying Down to Rio* with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Running Time: 89 minutes.

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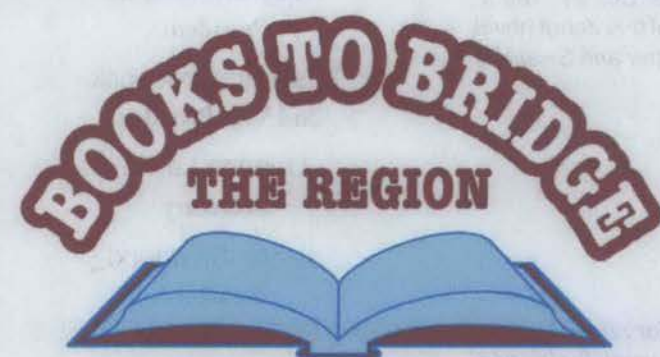
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As always, keep Dialogic Reading fun. Ask your librarian for suggestions of books that will help you teach Narrative Skills. Also, go online to the library's website at www.lcpln.org and click on 'Kids' and then on 'Every Child Ready to Read' for a list of suggested books. Cedar Lake's blog suggests a number of ideas and resources to help teach the 6 early literacy skills. Go to <http://cedarlakebranch.blogspot.com/> and click on 'Every Child Ready to Read' on the top right of the page.



Connecting Communities through Reading

The Books to Bridge the Region 2011

program is here once again and runs through the month of October. The goal for this initiative is to promote literacy, create conversations among communities, and foster critical thinking around a theme. *Books to Bridge the Region* encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke.

The 2011 selected titles are:

Adults: *Hart's War* by John Katzenbach

Young Adults: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

Children: *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Fleming

The kick-off event will be combined with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition's *Time Out for Reading: "Put Your Nose in a Book and Read!"* on September 30, and each book will have a signature event. For more information about your area events, please visit the website: www.books2bridge.org.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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Central Library

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

Registration required for all programs; call 769-3541, ext. 360 or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnlj.htm.

Story Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Oct. 3, Mon. at 10am Stories, music, and crafts are dedicated for 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by their caregivers.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Oct. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10am This half hour early literacy, lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development for babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age.

4 & 5 Year Olds' Story Hour

Oct. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10am or 2pm 4 and 5 year-olds will enjoy hearing stories, singing songs, and making crafts as they learn early literacy skills that will prepare them for school.

Hispanic Heritage Celebración

Oct. 12, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of stories, games, dancing, and a craft.

Teen Gaming Night

Oct. 12, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, are invited to get together to play *Wii* and *PlayStation 2* games, compete in tournaments, and enjoy snacks.

Halloween Toddler Story Time

Oct. 17, Mon. at 10am 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by their caregivers, will enjoy Halloween themed stories, music, and crafts. Costumes encouraged, yet optional.

The Science of Ghost Hunting

Oct. 24, Mon. at 7pm Teens and tweens will have an interesting evening with Cher Wright of Paranormal Sciences, learning how to investigate the paranormal. This presentation will show you some of the evidence that has been collected and how they captured it all! Learn about the techniques and the technology used to investigate ghosts, spirits, and hauntings. Find out how you can get out in the field and do this too!

Join the Lego Club!

Oct. 26, Wed. at 4pm Children, grades 2 to 6, are invited to the Lego Club! We will meet once a month to make cool, unusual, and interesting Lego creations. The only requirement is an imagination!

Monster Mash

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 6pm Calling all monsters to come have a screaming good time! School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will play games, hear spooky stories, and have scary snacks. Wear your costume and get a prize!

Highland Writer's Group Halloween Celebration

Oct. 29, Sat. 2-4pm Teens are invited to this special program where Highland Writer's Group will be celebrating Halloween with a reading of their scariest (and funniest) stories and poems. Come in costume for a chance to win autographed copies of books by some of NW Indiana's talented authors. Refreshments served.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406 844-8809

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-boj.htm.

Making Soap with Katje

Oct. 11, Tues. at 5pm Katje and her family make soap in the book *Boxes for Katje*. Children in grades kindergarten and up will make some in this program celebrating *Books to Bridge the Region*.

2 **Forty-First Avenue Branch**
www.lcpllin.org/branches/ff.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-ffj.htm.

Pumpkin Party

Oct. 26, Wed. at 4pm Come to a Pumpkin Party at the library! School aged children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy listening to stories about pumpkins, eating some pumpkin treats, and making a pumpkin craft. It's all about pumpkins!

Griffith Branch
www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-grj.htm.

Pre-School Story Hour for 4s & 5s

Oct. 4 & 18, Tues. at 1pm Children will hear colorful stories, play action and musical games, and make a craft to take home.

Story Time for 2s & 3s

Oct. 5 & 19, Wed. at 9:30am Children will enjoy colorful stories, music, games, and make a craft to take home.

Kids Cook

Oct. 6 & 13, Thurs. at 4pm Children, ages 7 to 12, will use the microwave oven, electric skillet and a noodle machine in the last two sessions of our 'Kids Cook' program. We will make zesty drumsticks and homemade noodles. There is a \$4 charge for the classes to cover ingredients. (\$2 per session).

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Oct. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and Toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, and the rhymes of Mother Goose.

Lego Mania

Oct. 17, Mon. at 3:30pm Children are welcome to come and spend an hour building with the library's lego blocks.

Wee Chefs

Oct. 25, Tues. at 3:30pm Children 4 to 5 years of age will practice measuring and learn how to use a hand mixer when they create a Halloween treat, dirt!

Pre-School Halloween Party

Oct. 26, Wed. at 1pm Preschooler's ages 3 to 5 will celebrate Halloween with stories, games, a simple craft, and a treat. Please wear a costume.

Candy Witch's Hats

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will assemble an edible witch's hats after hearing magical hat stories.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens are invited to join in this discussion of Neil Gaiman's *Sandman Series*.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-clj.htm.

Book Bracketology

Oct. 1 to 31 Teens will enjoy a March Madness-style tournament all month in celebration of *Teen Read Week*. Top ten nominated books for 2010 will be posted bracket-style. Every time you vote for your favorite in the daily pairing, you will be entered into a drawing. The winning book and the teen winner will be announced at the end of October. Nominated books will be on display and available for check out.

Snack & Plan

Oct. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Pre-School Story Hour

Oct. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschoolers will hear stories and participate in music activities, rhymes, crafts, and other activities with an emphasis on important early pre-reading skills.

Amazing Legos

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, can make and display your own Lego creations made with

library Legos! All supplies—and snacks—will be provided.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Oct. 7 & 21, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 23 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities designed to enhance important pre-literacy skills.

Haunted Crafts

Oct. 11 & 12, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens can create Halloween decor from a variety of materials. Make some for the library's haunted room, too! Make and eat gross and creepy food. All materials and snacks will be provided.

Toddler Time

Oct. 13 & 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, all with an emphasis on teaching important early literacy skills.

My BFF & Me! Books to Bridge the Region

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy stories and activities about friends and friendship.

It's Always Fun @ Your Library Festival

Oct. 15, Sat. at 1pm In celebration of *Teen Read Week*, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, library golf, a variety of games, and Halloween crafts are among the many activities participants will enjoy.

Picture It! Display Contest

Oct. 17 to 22 It's *Teen Read Week*! Celebrate all week! Recommend your favorite book, magazine, or movie by creating a 'movie poster.' Needed supplies will be available. Pick a small prize for your completed poster. Additional prizes will be awarded for those posters chosen for display.

It's A Happy Halloween for Pre-Schoolers

Oct. 18, Tues. at 10:30 or 1pm Preschoolers will hear stories and participate in music activities, rhymes, crafts, and other activities with an emphasis on important early pre-reading skills. Children are welcome to wear their costumes to this not-so-scary holiday story time.

Games Galore – Chess & More !

Oct. 18, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, can play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games—and snacks—will be provided.

Monster Mania Family Story Time Fun

Oct. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show, stories, and other fun activities about not-so-scary-at-all monsters, just in time for Halloween!

GameFest

Oct. 26, Wed. at 3pm Teens will play a variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided.

Monster Tales

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children in kindergarten to 6th grade will enjoy stories and activities about scary creatures from around the world.

Highland Branch www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hij.htm.

Mother Goose on the Loose – Evening Session

Oct. 4 & 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Children ages 6 to 35 months and their caregivers will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

Mother Goose on the Loose – Morning Session

Oct. 5 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 6 to 35 months and their caregivers will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement.

Tremendous 2s & 3s

Oct. 10 & 24, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy stories and participate in active songs, finger plays, and flannel-board activities about trucks or Halloween. **Additional Information:** Children may wear costumes and bring treats on the October 24th session.

Family Story Hour

Oct. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm Children ages 2 through 7, and their caregivers or parents, will enjoy several stories, finger plays, and simple songs. The themes this month are "Fire Safety" and "Halloween." Adults stay in the room and siblings are invited to participate.

Fabulous 4s, 5s & 6s

Oct. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:30am Children ages 4 through 6 will enjoy several stories, finger plays, and simple songs. The themes this month are "Fire Safety" and "Halloween." Parents and caregivers must remain in the building. The children are encouraged to wear costumes and bring treats to the October 26th session.

Lego's Club

Oct. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm Young *Lego* enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Members will construct based on a monthly theme then share their creations with the group. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like to donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

Harry Potter Extravaganza

Oct. 18, Tues. at 4pm To celebrate *Teen Read Week*, teens and tweens, grade 5 and up, are invited to an all things *Harry Potter* event. We will talk about the books, play some games, and make chocolate covered gummy frogs and licorice wands.

Teen Gaming

Oct. 25, Tues at 4 pm. Teens are invited to play *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-hoj.htm.

Book Giveaway

Oct. 1 to 31 Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Lego's Night

Oct. 4, Tues. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, in this 90 minute program, will spend time working on their own *Lego* creations. We have different colored *Legos* which will be provided.

Books to Bridge the Region Pre-School Story Hour

Oct. 11, Tues. at 1pm Preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will hear the 2011 *Books to Bridge the Region* chosen book, *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Fleming. They will also hear and participate in songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Oct. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:15am or 11:15am Babies, birth to 23 months, along with a caregiver, will hear, in this half-hour long, interactive program, stories, songs, and finger plays.

Toddler Story Time

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children (ages 2 & 3 along with a caregiver), in this half-hour program, will hear stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Teen Read Week

Oct. 17 to 22 Teens and tweens read whatever you like: graphic novels, magazines, fiction, non-fiction. Record what you read during this week and enter a chance to win some prizes. Entry slips and box will be by the main desk. Good Luck!

Teen Read Week - Read Poster Event

Oct. 17 to 22 Teens and tweens - Have you seen our fabulous *Read!* posters around the library? They feature prominent people holding their favorite book. Design your own *Read!* poster and send it to the library to be put on display. Posters can be hand drawn or digital. Submit your designs to Carol at the library or send them via email cdaumer@lcpln.org. Be sure to include your name and phone number so we can return them to you at the end of November.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas - Movie & Discussion

Oct. 17, Mon. at 6pm A 2011 *Books to Bridge the Region* selection, this movie is based on the book *Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. A discussion will be held afterwards for those interested in conversing about the differences and similarities between the book and movie. Movie is rated PG-13.

Halloween Pumpkin Painting

Oct. 18, Tues. at 6pm School age children (kindergarten to 6th grade) will paint a Halloween pumpkin. Paints and other art supplies will be provided. Children must bring their own pumpkin. Cookies and lemonade will be served. This fun program will be held in the downstairs meeting room.

Halloween Pre-School Story Hour

Oct. 25, Tues. at 1pm Children (ages 4 & 5), will hear and participate in Halloween stories, songs, finger plays, and make a Halloween craft. We will also have Halloween trick or treating in the library and have the children parade around the library. Parents will need to bring some candy to share.

Fall Fun Fest

Oct. 26, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to our 3rd annual Fall Fun Fest. Have fun playing pumpkin toss, hot pumpkin, and much more. Hot dogs and lemonade will be served.

Halloween Toddler Story Time

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11:15am Toddlers (ages 2 & 3 with a caregiver) will hear stories, songs, finger plays, and make a simple Halloween craft. They can also wear their Halloween costumes and we will parade around the library. Animal cookies will be served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lcnc.htm.

Halloween Spiders

Oct. 5, Wed. at 6pm Children in kindergarten to 6th grade make a scary spider and hear a Halloween Story.

Teen Book Club

Oct. 11, Tues. at 4pm Teens are invited to join in the book discussion of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. This is the young adult selection from the *Books to Bridge the Region* project. Refreshments served.

Tween Time

Oct. 12, Wed. at 6pm Children 10 to 12 years of age will make fuzzy pumpkins and hear a Halloween story.

Halloween Story Time

Oct. 19, Wed. at 6pm Children of all ages will enjoy a Halloween story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume!

Munster Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mu.htm.

Fantastic 4s & 5s

Oct. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, a short film and a craft. Children attend the first half of the program without a caregiver and then retrieve their adult for the craft at the end.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Oct. 5 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am This program is designed for parents who want to learn how to play with their baby while stimulating mental growth. Individual sessions include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. You may come early to play with toys, but clean up is strictly at 10:30 a.m.

Boxes for Katie - An Afternoon Book Discussion

Oct. 6, Thurs. at 4pm Students currently in 2nd grade or older are invited to an afternoon book discussion about giving back. While enjoying snacks, we'll discuss stories about helping others and ways we can give back to the community.

Terrific 2s & 3s

Oct. 10 & 24, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

Small Wonders

Oct. 12, Wed. at 4pm Children currently in kindergarten and older will hear stories about little heroes doing big things. Games and a craft will be included.

Lego Building

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 3pm Young *Lego* enthusiasts, grades kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will construct with *Legos* and share their designs with the group. If you have *Legos* in good condition that you would like to donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

Happy Halloween!

Oct. 26, Wed. at 4pm Children currently in kindergarten or older will celebrate the holiday with stories, games, and treats. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Decorate Your Pumpkin

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 6pm Students currently in kindergarten and up are invited to decorate their pumpkins. Both carving and non-carving tools and decorations will be available to decorate your pumpkin, or bring your own tools if you prefer. Decorating books will be available for inspiration. **Bring your own pumpkins.**

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsj.htm.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Oct. 10 & 17, Mon. or Oct. 11 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am This is a 30 minute program filled with stories, songs and activities for babies and toddlers, birth to 23 months of age.

4s & 5s

Oct. 10 & 17, Mon. or Oct. 11 & 18, Tues. at 1:30pm Books, songs, finger plays, related activities, and a craft will be featured during this story hour for children ages 4 & 5 years.

2s & 3s

Oct. 12 & 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm 2 & 3 year olds, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, activities, and a simple craft during this 30-40 minute story time.

Lego Club

Oct. 12, Wed. and Oct. 17, Mon. both at 6:30pm Children use their creativity to construct original Lego creations.

Young Readers

Oct. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens meet monthly to review books they have read. Light refreshments are served and volunteer hours can be earned.

Family Fall Fun

Oct. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm This is for families with children 3 to 7 years of age. It will be filled with stories, songs, activities, a craft, and a film.

Halloween Party

Oct. 27, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to join us for games, refreshments, and fun! Please bring a pumpkin to decorate. Costumes are optional.

St. John Branch

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sjj.htm.

Toddler Time for 2 & 3 Year Olds

Oct. 4 & 18, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will listen to stories and participate in music, finger plays, and other activities.

Story Time for 4 & 5 Year Olds

Oct. 11 & 25, Tues. at 10:30am or Oct. 12 & 26, Wed. at 1:30pm Children will participate in an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Crafty Kids Clubs

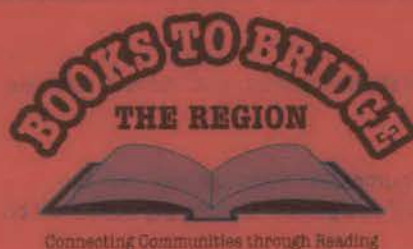
Oct. 11, Tues. at 4pm or Oct. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm Do you like to do arts and crafts projects? Come join the Crafty Kids Club. Every month school age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will make a different craft project and learn something new about art.

Amazing Legos

Oct. 15, Sat. at 10am & Oct. 19, Wed. at 4pm School age children will make their own Lego creations with the library's Legos. All supplies will be provided.

Family Story Hour

Oct. 26, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



HAPPENINGS @ your library

Linda Johnsen

Cedar Lake Branch Manager

YOU & THE LIBRARY

HELPING CHILDREN GET READY TO

READ--& SUCCEED!!

EVERY CHILD is a researched based early literacy program that helps you and the library work together to ensure your child will become a successful reader. In late 2011, this program introduced ECRTR, 2nd edition, an updated and expanded edition with even more ideas and tips for helping to teach your child the six early literacy skills that research shows your child must have in order to learn to read. The skills remain the same: *Print Awareness* which is noticing print every where, how to handle a book and how to follow words on a page; *Phonological Awareness*, which is the ability to rhyme and to hear the sounds in letters and words; *Letter Knowledge*, which is knowing that letters are different from each other, that they have different names and are related to sounds; *Vocabulary* which is knowing the names of things; *Narrative Skills*, which is the ability to describe things and events and tell stories; and *Print Motivation*, which is a child's interest in and enjoyment of books. Now, however, the emphasis will be on five practices that research as identified has the best ways to teach the skills. They are easy, they are fun, and they work! They are:

● **Talking**—Children learn about

language by listening to and being a part of conversations. They are learning comprehension—and vocabulary! Just be sure your child has ample opportunity to talk, too, not only listen. Of course, books are wonderful conversation starters.

● **Singing**—Songs help children learn the rhythm and sounds of language and individual words. They also help children develop listening skills, learn rhyme and new words!

● **Playing**—Pretend play helps children develop narrative skills as they act out what happens first, next, and last. Play also helps children develop oral language skills; as they think about what to do, they are putting their thoughts into words and actions.

● **Writing**—Writing—scribbling at first—helps children make the connection between the spoken and printed word.

● **Reading**—Reading together and talking about what you read help your child learn vocabulary, the sequence of a story, gives him or her more knowledge of the world and encourages imaginative thinking. Fun experiences with reading help your child learn to love it and want to learn to read.

Shared reading—reading books together is the single best way to help your child develop early literacy skills. Ask your librarian for suggestions of books that will help you teach these skills. Go to the library website at <http://www.lcpln.org/children/ecrr.htm> for a list of suggested books. Attend library programs where your child will experience all of these practices—and you will learn tips to use at home. Go to the library events calendar at www.lcpln.org to find programs at a branch near you. Have fun talking, singing, playing, writing, and reading with your child! You are helping him or her become a good reader!

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Veteran's Day Friday, November 11

All branches of the
Lake County Public Library
will observe normal operating hours.

FREE Music??...

Staff Recommends

Music to my ears!

Are you looking for that one song? How about three? With our new music service, Freegal, (combination of the words "free" and "legal") resident library cardholders can each download three free songs per week to keep. With Freegal, there is no software to download. Downloaded songs will play in Windows Media Player and are DRM-free; songs can be transferred to iTunes, portable devices, and/or burned to CDs. Music is always available—so no more waiting for popular titles!

What kind of music available? Freegal contains hundreds of thousands of songs from the Sony Music Entertainment umbrella of labels. From pop, to classical, and every genre in between, Freegal has something for everyone. Hundreds of additional songs are added every week. As new albums come out, they are simultaneously available on Freegal.

A small sample of artists available in Freegal:

Billy Joel, Adele, Beyonce, Brooks & Dunn, Dave Matthews Band, Tori Amos, the music from the TV show GLEE, Amy Grant, Charlotte Church, Jason Aldean, Switchfoot, Miles Davis, Brad Paisley, Celine Dion, Aerosmith, Chris Brown, Pearl Jam, Dave Brubeck, Aretha Franklin, Billie Holiday, Alicia Keys, Kirk Franklin, Journey, John Legend, Barbra Streisand, Duke Ellington, John Williams, Alan Jackson, Bob Dylan and Elvis Presley.

On your mark, get set, DOWNLOAD! Go to our website www.lcpln.org and click on the Freegal icon. You will need to log in with your resident library card number and your PIN number. Don't have a computer? Songs can be downloaded here in the library; please ask a staff member if you need assistance.

Each week (starting on Monday) you can download three songs per person. This adds up to over 150 FREE and legal songs per year, per person! What are you waiting for? Go feed your MP3 player!



Holiday Season Closings:

All branches of the
Lake County Public Library
will observe the following schedule
for the upcoming Holiday Season:

CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24

Regular operating hours resume
Friday, November 25

CLOSED: Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24

CLOSED: Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25

CLOSED: Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 26

Regular operating hours resume
Tuesday, December 27

5PM CLOSING: New Years Eve
Saturday, December 31

CLOSED: New Years Day
Sunday, January 1, 2012

CLOSED: New Years Holiday
Monday, January 2, 2012

Regular operating hours resume
Tuesday, January 3

CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

1919 W. 81ST AVE.

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm.

BOOKreMARKS Online

November 1 to 30 Join the discussion of *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarcks.htm>.

Circle of Readers

Circle of Readers will not meet during November, but will resume in December.

Blood Pressure Screening

Nov. 2, Wed. from 10:30am-11:30am

Great Decisions

Nov. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion this month is: *Global Governance*, and will take place at the Dyer-Schererville branch library located at 1001 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30) in Schererville. Ext. 365.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm In celebration of the movie release we will read *Breaking Dawn* by Stephanie Meyer. Ext. 700.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

980-5180

www.lcpln.org/branches/ff.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-ffa.htm.

Book Buddies

Nov. 28, Mon. at 4pm Discuss *Wishin' and Hopin'* by Wally Lamb with other readers.

GRIFFITH BRANCH
940 N. BROAD ST.
GRIFFITH, IN 46319
838-2825

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-gra.htm.

Mystery Loves Company

Nov. 14, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny with other readers, the lyrical mystery that launched the award-winning *Armand Gamache* series.

Paper Creations

Nov. 15, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5.00 fee to cover materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Nov. 17, Thurs. 6:30pm Adults and teens are welcome to join the discussion of the *Ghost Hunter* series.

StoryLovers: Good Grief

Nov. 28, Mon. at 1pm of Nov. 29, Tues. at 7pm Discuss *Good Grief* by Lolly Winston with other readers.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH
10010 E. 133RD AVE.
CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303
374-7121

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-cla.htm.

History on Film: Historic Sites of the U S

Nov. 8, Tues. at 2pm Journey to some of the most vital cultural symbols in the United States.

Books and Chat

Nov. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Superfreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance* by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dunbar, the engrossing sequel to *Freakonomics*.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Nov. 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a seven-day sightseeing tour of Norway. Refreshments served.

Holiday Magic Family Story Time Fun

Nov. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Celebrate the holiday season with stories, crafts and an ornament for the library tree, too!

HIGHLAND BRANCH
2841 JEWETT ST.
HIGHLAND, IN 46322
838-2394

www.lcpllin.org/branches/hi.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-hia.htm.

Basic Computer Class: Navigating The Net

Nov. 3, Thurs. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

History Film: Way We Get By

Nov. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm *The Way We Get By* is touching film of 3 retired World War II Veterans who greet and send off troops heading to and from Iraq.

Fiction Book Discussion

Nov. 8, Tues. at 2pm *Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon follows Miles as he pursues elusive letters and clues in a perpetual search for his missing twin, Ryan.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Nov. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm The bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Police Department Community Crime Watch lead by Officer Shawn Anderson. No registration.

Crossroads

Nov. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Take a fascinating journey from firefighting in the age of leather buckets to gasoline fire engines. Register by calling Crossroads at 972-7353.

Gordon Wilder Travelogue: Spain Part II

Nov. 14, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm View

slides of Spain, from Granada, Costa del Sol and Malaga to the accompaniment of music. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Nov. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *In Search of Eden* by Linda Nichols.

Mystery Book Discussion

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 7pm Join in the discussion of *Dead Simple* by Peter James.

Crossroads: Champagne Cellars of Mareuil

Nov. 18, Fri. at 10:30am In his new book, *The Champagne Cellars of Mareuil: The Story of a Family and a Village, 1939-1948*, IUN Political Science Professor Jean Poulard, Ph.D., recounts life in a small French village in the weeks preceding World War II. Register by calling Crossroads at 972-7353

Armchair Travelers

Nov. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This month, we travel to Rome, the greatest city of the ancient world. Refreshments served.

Classics on the Big Screen: The Conspirator

Nov. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm In the wake of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, seven men and one woman are arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the President, Vice President, and Secretary of State. Refreshments served.

HOBART BRANCH
100 N. MAIN ST.
HOBART, IN 46342
942-2243

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ho.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-hoa.htm.

GED & ESL Classes-Afternoon Sessions

Nov. 1 through 30, Mon. through Thurs. at Noon Free classes to obtain a

GED or learn to speak or improve skills of English as a second language are offered. Registration not required.

Book Giveaway

Nov. 1 through 30, To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Travel the World to Peru

Nov. 1, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers in this one hour tour of Peru.

GED & ESL Classes-Evening Sessions

Nov. 2 to 30, Mon. & Wed. at 5pm Free classes to obtain a GED or learn to speak or improve skills of English as a second language are offered.

Book Chat

Nov. 15, Tues. at 10:30 *Too Many Cooks* by Emily Franklin is memoir born of two simple loves: food and children. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, to cover the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Pajama Night Movie: *The Wizard of Oz*

Nov. 22, Tues. at 6pm Everyone is invited to the showing of *The Wizard of Oz*, rated G, 103 minutes runtime. Children may wear pajamas and bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

LAKE STATION-NEW CHICAGO BRANCH
2007 CENTRAL AVENUE
LAKE STATION, IN 46405
962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lscn.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-lsnc.htm.

Morning Book Chat

Nov. 3, Thurs. at 10:30am The book

Plainsong by Kent Haruf will be discussed and is available at the circulation desk for check out.

Citizenship Classes

Nov. 14, 21 & 28, and Dec. 5, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8:00pm Free classes to become a United States Citizen taught by volunteers from the *International Community Alliance*. Registration required.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Nov. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Nov. 30, Wed. at 2pm Basic class to learn computer skills.

MUNSTER BRANCH
8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-mua.htm.

Independent Film

Nov. 1, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *The Colors of the Mountain* is for mature audiences; not rated; in Spanish with English subtitles; adults only; running time 93 minutes.[cc]

Crossroads:

Nov. 2, Wed. at 1:30pm *The Senior Sounds of Music*, directed by Mary Rose Lynch will bring back great memories with this revue of Western music classics. Register by calling Crossroads at 219-972-7353.

Beyond Great Books

Nov. 2, Wed. at 7pm Discuss George Washington's *Farewell Address*, and four documents written by Abraham Lincoln: the *House Divided Speech*, *Cooper Union Address*, *Gettysburg Address* and his *Second Inaugural Address*.

A Night at the Opera

Nov. 9, Wed. at 7pm Penelope Blake of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Ariadne auf Naxos* by Richard Strauss, accompanied by musical highlights.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 10am-Noon

Explore: Vietnam

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Vietnam has both a 2,700 year-old heritage and natural beauty.

Great Books

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Persian Wars* by Herodotus, a selection from *The Second Series of Great Books*.

Family Movie Break

Nov. 25, Fri. at 2pm Jim Henson's internationally famous Muppets make their feature film debut in the charming, musical *The Muppet Movie* Rated G; run time 94 minutes. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

A Night at the Opera

Nov. 30, Wed. at 7pm Joan Kregel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart accompanied by musical highlights.

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1001 W. LINCOLN HWY.
SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375
322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-dsa.htm.

Independent Film Series

Nov. 7, Mon. at 1pm or 6:15pm The black comedy *Adam's Apples* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Danish with English subtitles. [cc]

Stamp Class

Nov. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Great Decisions

Nov. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:30pm The topic of discussion this month is: *Global Governance*. For further details 769-3541, ext. 365.

Virtual Tourists

Nov. 16, Wed. at 7pm DVD presentation of *Italy* viewed on the library's cinematic screen.

It's A Telebration! Story Telling For All Ages

Nov. 19, Sat. at 2pm *Telebrations* will be happening throughout the nation. Storytellers from the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild will tell stories that delight and enthrall.

ST. JOHN BRANCH
9450 WICKER AVENUE
ST. JOHN, IN 46373
365-8036

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpln.org/pgm-sja.htm.

English As A Second Language

Nov. 1, 3, 8 & 10, Tues. & Thurs. at

6:30pm Learn or improve your English speaking skills; from non-English speaking, to beginning, to intermediate, to advanced. Individuals can join in at anytime for these free tutorial sessions.

Sit & Stitch

Nov. 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Stamp Class

Nov. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5.00 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

Big Screen Musical

Nov. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm *In The Good Old Summer Time* features Van Johnson, Judy Garland and a brief appearance of her real-life daughter, Liza Minnelli.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Nov. 17, Thurs. at 1:30pm Learn how to hold, move and click the mouse successfully

Computer Class: Basic Windows

Nov. 29, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Open Office Writer is discussed if time permits. Must have basic mouse skills.

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MY DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY THE TRUMPET. DO YOU HAVE ANY MATERIALS ON THIS, ESPECIALLY ANY INSTRUCTIONAL DVDS?

We have two instructional DVDs, as well as several books which can teach someone how to play the trumpet. Stop by the library and we can show you where to find these materials. Thank you for your question.

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Gifts and Tributes

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, book from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from June through September.

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LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY . . . THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

The times they are a changin'! Technological advances and gadgets are part of our everyday existence. Many of us would be completely out of sorts if we did not have access to our cell phone or smart phone, our laptop or tablet, our MP3 player or iPod. Today's population is wired and ready to go, so much so that vast numbers of us now read the latest bestseller on our eBook device, whether that device is an Amazon Kindle, a Barnes & Noble Nook, or a Sony Reader. You name it . . . Lake County Public Library's Overdrive, the software that enables you to download eBooks, audiobooks, and music, no doubt supports your device.

These very devices have contributed, in part, to the demise of bookstores across the nation, including, most recently, Borders. With fewer bookstores on the scene to visit for a good book, look no further than your Lake County Public Library. Each branch is a veritable bookstore, music store, video store and more, all under one roof. Where else can you find thousands of books, all types of music CDs, DVDs – feature films, TV series, and educational films, public computers with Web access, research materials,

including scholarly reference books and electronic databases, and classes for all age groups? And where else can you get these materials and services at such a bargain?

A fraction of your local property taxes helps to support the following services: story hours for young children 6 months through preschool; programs for school age children; family movies; book discussions, both in the branches and online, plus ready-made "Book Club To Go" kits for book discussion groups within our communities; varied programs for adults and seniors, including gardening, crafts, basic computer classes, Lyric Opera lectures, blood pressure screenings, travelogues, films (from foreign, independent films to Hollywood classics), and GED and ESL classes. Add to that, Interlibrary Loan services, the availability of federal and state tax forms during tax season, and meeting rooms for not-for-profit groups who are based in Lake County Public Library's geographic area.

If you haven't visited one of our 11 branch libraries recently, NOW would be the perfect time! Dust off your library card and make the

trip; first-time users can apply for a new card (call ahead for important information about borrowing privileges and necessary ID). In no time at all you can walk out the door with an armload of great books, music CDs, a recent Hollywood blockbuster film, and an educational DVD or two . . . the possibilities are staggering.

What does all this cost? Answer: virtually pennies a day. And the best news is that your tax dollars already make this possible. There are no hidden costs . . . programs are FREE; so are the materials available for check-out (as long as you return them by the designated due date). So if you're still feeling blue about your favorite bookstore having to close its doors, step into your public library. You won't be disappointed!

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Staff Recommends

Some new magazines you may enjoy:

Hemmings Classic Cars—focuses on American built collector cars, targeting enthusiasts, owners, collectors, dealers, restorers, and parts manufacturers. *Classic Cars* features all eras of autos, with a primary focus on post-war vehicles.

Life & Style Weekly—features the latest Hollywood fashion, beauty, and lifestyle trends merged with celebrity news and shopping information.

Sandra Lee Semi Homemade—Keep it Simple, Keep It Smart, Keep It Semi-Homemade. ... Semi-Homemade dinners are simple to make and give you more time with family. An internationally-acclaimed home and food expert, Sandra has revolutionized the way people think about traditional, time-consuming, "from scratch" methods. With her trademark 70/30 Semi-Homemade philosophy, which combines 70% ready-made products with 30% fresh touches, Sandra creates delicious meals and home environments that are both affordable and attainable.

ADDitude: Living Well with Attention Deficit—is a quarterly magazine of interest to children and adults with ADD and their families. Each issue features letters from readers and a reader poll. There is also an annual guide to schools and camps. Each issue has more than a dozen regular columns, including self-help, legal issues, and relationship advice, and many articles covering parenting, treatment, adults, and school.

Sakura Pakk—(children's)—is a manga anthology comic book series showcasing original manga targeted to female comic book readers. From magical fantasy to historic drama to silly modern sci-fi... and who could forget romance? There is something for everyone to enjoy in *Sakura Pakk*.

Wild Animal Baby—(children's) is just right for infants and preschoolers. The small format magazine brings the world of wildlife to the earliest learners. Published by the National Wildlife Federation, it includes brief informational articles on wild animals as well as short, fictional read-aloud articles. Very simple matching, color, and counting games are expertly incorporated into the pages.



Holiday Season Closings:

All branches of the
Lake County Public Library
will observe the following schedule
for the upcoming Holiday Season:

CLOSED: Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24

CLOSED: Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25

CLOSED: Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 26

Regular operating hours resume
Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

5PM CLOSING: New Years Eve
Saturday, December 31

CLOSED: New Years Day
Sunday, January 1, 2012

CLOSED: New Years Holiday
Monday, January 2, 2012

Regular operating hours resume
Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

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769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit
www.lcpln.org/pgm-cnla.htm.

BOOKreMARKS Online

Dec. 1 to 31 To join the online discussion of *Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories: And Other Disasters* by Jean Shepherd, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Blood Pressure Screening

Dec. 7, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am

How To Use Coupons

Dec. 7, Wed. at 6:30 pm Learn to make the most of your money by shopping strategically with coupons. Ext. 317.

Paper Crafts With Jane

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 1pm There is a

\$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Be of the Year: Your Favorites! We will also take a look at the books to discuss next year. Registration is not required.

Gaming Night

Dec. 14, Wed. at 6pm Teens are invited to get together to play Wii and PlayStation 2 games, compete in tournaments, and enjoy snacks. Ext. 360.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Paranormal book discussion of *Fallen* by Lauren Kate. Ext. 700.

BLACK OAK BRANCH

5921 W. 25TH AVE.

GARY, IN 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE BRANCH

3491 W. 41ST AVE.

GARY, IN 46408

80-5180

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GRIFFITH BRANCH

940 N. BROAD ST.

GRIFFITH, IN 46319

838-2825

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-gra.htm.

Paper Creations

Dec. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm The \$5 fee covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

Mystery Loves Company

Dec. 12, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *Hercules Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie, a holiday mystery.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Dec. 22, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens are invited to discuss *Ghostopolis* by Doug TenNapel.

CEDAR LAKE BRANCH

10010 E. 133RD AVE.

CEDAR LAKE, IN 46303

374-7121

www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-cla.htm.

Snack & Plan

Dec. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

History on Film: Paul Revere

Dec. 13, Tues. at 2pm Learn about Paul Revere, his life, his times, and the real story of his famous ride.

Chocolate Galore & More

Dec. 13 & 14, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for library holiday programs.

GameFest Holiday Style

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 4pm Teens will eat, play a variety of games, and make gifts to celebrate the season.

Snow Fun!

Dec. 19, Mon. at 6:30pm Every member of the family is invited to enjoy fun in the snow, whether there is snow or not!

Books & Chat

Dec. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Have a Little Faith: A True Story* by Mitch Albom.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home

Dec. 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a seven-day sightseeing tour of the New England region. Refreshments served.

HIGHLAND BRANCH

2841 JEWETT ST.

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

838-2394

www.lcpllin.org/branches/hi.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-hia.htm.

Mitten Tree

Dec. 1 to 17, The Highland Branch will be accepting new scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats for our mitten tree.

History Film – WWII Memorial

Dec. 5, Monday at 2pm & 6:30pm This tribute to the World War II Memorial in Washington DC connects the building with the stories of those who lived through the war. Refreshments served.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Dec. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Adults and teens are invited for a Christ-

mas Cookie Exchange for mothers and daughters. Submit recipes by November 29 to be included in the cookie cookbook. Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies.

Crossroads: Christmas History & Traditions from Around the World

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Mary Lou Patriarca, who plans the annual "Christmas Around the World" exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry, provides history and traditions from every country with pictures, drawings, and customs. Register by calling Crossroads at 972-7353.

Gordon Wilder's Travelogue – Spain Part III

Dec. 12, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Slides from a recent tour of Spain to the accompaniment of music. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

Dec. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Classics on the Big Screen

Dec. 19, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *The Bells of St. Mary's* features Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. Refreshments served.

HOBART BRANCH

100 N. MAIN ST.

HOBART, IN 46342

942-2243

www.lcpllin.org/branches/ho.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-hoa.htm.

Book Giveaway

Dec. 1 to 31 To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Hobart Adult Learning Center – GED & ESL Afternoon Classes

Dec. 1 to 14, Weekdays at Noon
Earn a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and/or learn or improve English speaking skills at this ongoing free class. There is no registration required.

Hobart Adult Learning Center – GED & ESL Evening Classes

Dec. 5 to 14, Weekdays at 5pm
Earn a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and/or learn or improve English speaking skills at this ongoing free class. There is no registration required.

Travel the World To Spain

Dec. 6, Tues. at 2pm Travel the world without the expense and language barriers to visit Spain, a land of rich culture and beauty. Registration not required.

Stamp Camp

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, to cover the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Book Chat

Dec. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Discussion of Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

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962-2409**

www.lcpllin.org/branches/linc.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-lsnc.htm.

Morning Book Chat

Dec. 1, Thurs. at 10:30am The book *That Summer in Sicily: A Love Story* by Marlena De Blasi is the subject of our discussion.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Dec. 6, Tues. at 10:30am or Dec. 7, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the internet.

Family Nutrition Program

Dec. 9, Fri. at 11am Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Advisor from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

One-on-One Computer Class

Dec. 13, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume.

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8701 CALUMET AVE.
MUNSTER, IN 46321
836-8450**

www.lcpllin.org/branches/mu.htm

Registration required for all programs; call the library or visit www.lcpllin.org/pgm-mua.htm.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Dec. 1, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn recounts what happens when a government progressively bans letters from the alphabet.

Classic Hollywood Musical

Dec. 5, Mon. at 2pm Rival song-and-dance men Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire star in *Holiday Inn* with classic Irving Berlin score. Not rated; 101 min. Refreshments served.

Independent Film

Dec. 13, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *A Screaming Man* won Best Actor and Best Screenplay at the Chicago International Film Festival. For mature audiences; not rated;

in French and Arabic with English subtitles; adults only; running time 88 minutes. [CC]

Explore Australia

Dec. 15, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Tour the famed Opera House, the Old Rocks Quarter, the Blue Mountains, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Oceanworld Manly, the Great Barrier Reef, and Daintree Rainforest.

Blood Pressure Screening

Dec. 22, Thurs. at 10am - Noon

Thursday Afternoon Book Club Book Party

Dec. 29, Thurs. at 1:30pm Bring one favorite book and give a 2-3 minute book talk on it.

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Independent Film Series

Dec. 5, Mon. at 1pm & 6:15pm *Welcome* is not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In French, Kurdish, and English with some English subtitles. [cc]

Young Readers

Dec. 8, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens meet monthly to review books they have read.

Stamp Camp

Dec. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourists

Dec. 21, Wed. at 7pm Visit the amazing contrasts of jungles, deserts, water, snow-covered peaks, and green hills in Kenya.

Between The Lines

Dec. 28, Wed. at 7pm or Dec. 29, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans. Books will be available November 28th.

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365-8036

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Stamp Class

Dec. 5, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is

due at class.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Dec. 6, Tues. or Dec. 8, Thurs. at 1:30pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Sit & Stitch

Dec. 7 & 21, Wed. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread for conversation and fun.

Computer Class: Open Office Spreadsheet and Presentations

Dec. 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn to use some of the features of Open Office Spreadsheet and Presentation Slide programs.

Big Screen Musicals

Dec. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm *White Christmas* features Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, an all-Irving Berlin song score, VistaVision and Technicolor! Running time: 120 minutes.

LEARNING ABOUT LANGUAGE THROUGH PLAY



•Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills.

•This time of year is a great time for imaginative fun. Dressing up and pretending help children think symbolically. A ruler becomes a magic wand. You don't need expensive toys or a large space—just simple props and your encouragement. Use things like large boxes, old clothes for dress up, empty food containers, paper shopping bags, and empty paper towel rolls. Make sock puppets; create a puppet stage using a sheet draped over two chairs and act out a story!

•Through play, children realize that one thing can stand for another. Later this will also help children understand that written words stand for real objects and experiences.

•Sharing books and talking about the stories and pictures can be playful. Act out parts of the story; encourage your child to participate by saying repeated refrains, animal sounds, and so on. He might also predict what will happen next. She might retell the story in her own way.

•Dramatic play helps develop narrative skills as children make up a story about what they're doing. This helps them understand that stories happen in an order: first, next, last.

I'M DOING RESEARCH ON THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AND I'M TRYING TO LOCATE ARTICLES WRITTEN AT THE TIME, 1989. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO LOCATE THOSE?

A: The library subscribes to a database called Access Newspaper Archive. It is the largest historical newspaper database online, containing tens of millions of newspaper pages from 1759 to present. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword and date and is able to be viewed as pdf files using

Adobe Acrobat Reader. You will find this database on our website (www.lcpln.org). Go to "Research" in the blue bar at the top of the page and drop down to "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases". Click on the link for Access Newspaper Archive. Click on the "search" tab at the top. That will give you an advanced search where you can limit your search to "Berlin Wall" and the year 1989. You can also limit the search to only Indiana papers or a specific town. Access Newspaper Archive is only available at the library (all branches of the Lake County system).

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At the end of December we will be saying goodbye to our **Library Director, Larry Acheff**, who will be retiring. Mr. Acheff joined the Lake County Public Library staff in 1985 as the Assistant Director and has been Director since 1999. Before joining us, he served as the Assistant Director for the Gary Public Library. We will miss him and we wish him the very best in his retirement.



We are changing to serve you better with a new library catalog on January 6!

It's easy to use with many exciting new features. As we change to the new catalog, please be aware the service may be limited:

- From **Dec. 1-Jan. 5**, you will not be able to place new hold requests.
- We will offer a four-week loan period for items borrowed **Dec. 12-Jan. 5**. (This excludes Bestseller Express, feature DVDs, and TV Shows.)
- Your account and our catalog will not be accessible, online or in the branch, from **Dec. 31-Jan. 5**.

Thank you for your patience during this transition and we know that the final results will be fabulous!

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Lego Club**Wednesday, December 7****6:30 p.m.**

This is a program for school age children who love to use their creativity and like to build all kinds of creations.

Young Readers**Thursday, December 8****6:30 p.m.**

Teens are invited to meet monthly to review books they have read. Light refreshments are served and volunteer hours can be earned.

**Power Paws For Kids****Saturday, December 10****10 a.m.**

Pre-school and school age children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through *Power Paws for Kids*, a non-profit organization.

Holiday Family Time**Tuesday, December 13****6:30 p.m.**

This will be an hour program filled with stories, songs, activities, a craft, and film.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave., Gary 46408

980-5180

www.lcpliln.org/branches/ff.htm**Happy New Year!****Thursday, December 29****3 p.m.**

Get ready to ring in 2012! Children in kindergarten and up will be the life of the party on New Year's Eve. We will make noisemaker shakers and New Year's party hats. Registration is not required.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St., Griffith 46319

838-2825

www.lcpliln.org/branches/gr.htm**Christmas Surprise****Thursday, December 8****4 p.m.**

Christmas is around the corner, and families are invited to come and enjoy holiday stories and a few extra magical surprises.

Santa Cookie Plate**Tuesday, December 13****1 p.m.**

Preschoolers and toddlers, ages 2 to 5, will make a special cookie plate just for Santa.

**Jingle Bells****Thursday, December 15****3:30 p.m.**

Children, kindergarten to grade 6, will make a bell and a star ornament to hang on the family Christmas tree.

Lego Mania**Monday, December 19****1 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 can use the library

blocks and other building materials to see what they can create.

Lunchtime Film**Wednesday, December 21****12:30 p.m.**

Children of all ages can bring a sack lunch to the library and watch *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*.

Graphic Novel Book Club**Thursday, December 22****6:30 p.m.**

Teens are invited to come in to join this group as we discuss *Ghostopolis* by Doug TenNapel.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpliln.org/branches/hi.htm**Holiday Extravaganza****Saturday, December 3****1 p.m.**

Girl Scout troop 30 will present a holiday program with games, a holiday puppet show, and simple crafts for the children of all ages and their parents. This program will be free to the public.

Holiday Craft & Gift Fair**Thursday, December 8****Saturday, December 10****6 p.m.****10 a.m.**

School age children may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Some of the items will be on display in the branch. A fee will be charged at the program for each craft depending on what materials are used. Directions for the crafts will be written out. Younger children should have an adult's help. Children may make more than one item depending on the time it takes to complete.

**Family Story Time****Tuesday, December 13****6:30 p.m.**

Christmas stories, songs, and related activities will delight families with 3 to 7 year olds during this holiday program. Parents should attend program with children.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpliln.org/branches/ho.htm**Book Giveaway****December 1 to 31, Weekdays**

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

What Should The 2012 Christmas Tree Be?**December 1 to 28, Weekdays**

Once again, the Hobart Garden Club is seeking



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ideas for the Hobart Library's Christmas tree from school age children, kindergarten through high school. If you have an idea for the 2012 theme, complete an entry form at the library. The Garden Club will review the suggestions and choose a winner in 2012.

Legos Night

Tuesday, December 6

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) are invited to join us in creating some neat *Lego* designs! Holiday refreshments will be served.

Pajama Night Movie

Tuesday, December 20

6 p.m.

We will show the holiday classic, *Babes in Toyland* (1961, 2002). The movie is rated G and is 106 minutes long. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and to bring their sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

Christmas Ornaments

Wednesday, December 7

6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will get ready to decorate for the holidays by creating a Christmas ornament.

Christmas Cake Balls

Wednesday, December 14

6 p.m.

A Cake Ball is cute ball-shaped cake. Tweens, 10 to 12 year olds, will make Christmas Cake Balls. This is a hands on experience, so be prepared to get creative!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws For Reading

Thursday, December 1

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.



Kids in the Kitchen

Wednesday, December 7

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten and older will bake a holiday goody and read fun and mouthwatering stories about baking.

Lego Building

Thursday, December 8

3 p.m.

Young *Lego* enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will construct with *Legos* and share their creations with the group. If you have *Legos* in good condition

that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the library's collection!

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379 www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Amazing Legos

Wednesday, December 14

4 p.m.

Friday, December 16

4 p.m.

School age children will make their own *Lego* creations using the library's *Legos*! All supplies will be provided.

Family Story Hour

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



Crafty Kids Club

Wednesday, December 28

4 p.m.

Do you like to do arts and crafts projects? Come join the Crafty Kids Club. Every month school age children will make a different craft project and learn something new about art.



Holiday Season Closings:

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will observe the following schedule for the upcoming Holiday Season:

CLOSED: Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

CLOSED: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

CLOSED: Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 26

Regular operating hours resume Tuesday, December 27.

5PM CLOSING: New Years Eve

Saturday, December 31

CLOSED: New Years Day

Sunday, January 1, 2012

CLOSED: New Years Holiday

Monday, January 2, 2012

Regular operating hours resume Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Children's Programs
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Storytimes

Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st and 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Central Library:

1st Tuesday 10 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd and 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.

2nd and 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st and 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose on
the Loose

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Central Library:

1st Monday 10 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd and 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd and 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Munster:

1st Monday 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Central Library:

2nd Tuesday 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd and 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m. or

2nd and 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

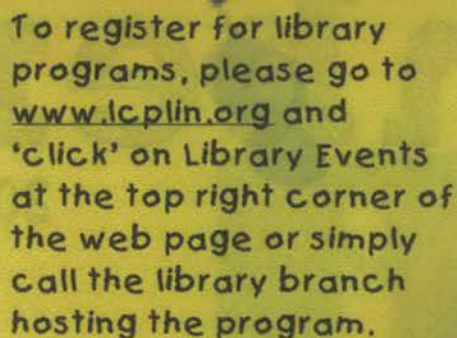
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Munster Branch:

2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd Wednesday 1:30 p.m.



To register for library programs, please go to www.lcpln.org and 'click' on Library Events at the top right corner of the web page or simply call the library branch hosting the program.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Tacky The Penguin

Tuesday, December 13

5 p.m.

School age children will get a chance to decorate Tacky, the misfit penguin, for their Christmas tree at home.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Amazing Legos

Thursday, December 1

4 p.m.

School age children can design and display their own Lego creations made with library Legos! All supplies--and snacks--will be provided.

Snack & Plan

Monday, December 5

5 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

'Tis the Season!

Thursday, December 8

4:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten through 6 grade will enjoy a stories, activities, and a treat during this holiday celebration.

Deck the Halls

Saturday, December 10

11 a.m.

Children of all ages will make ornaments for the library Christmas tree as well as their trees at home. Make as many ornaments as you like!

Chocolate Galore & More!

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 13 & 14 4 p.m.

Teens, 11 and older, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs in December. Create, eat, have fun and earn volunteer time!

GameFest Holiday Style

Thursday, December 15

4 p.m.

Teens, 11 and older, will eat, play a variety of games, and make prizes and gifts to celebrate the season.

Snow Fun!

Monday, December 19

6:30 p.m.

Enjoy fun in the snow, whether there is snow or not! Make snow sculptures from ice cream or playdough. Participate in silly stories of snow, too!

Games Galore - Chess & More

Tuesday, December 20

4 p.m.

Play chess, checkers, card games, and a variety of other board games. All games and snacks will be provided.

New Year's Bash

Thursday, December 29

1 p.m.

Children of all ages will enjoy stories, play games, and more at this celebration of the coming new year! Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Central Library

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Holiday Story Hour

Thursday, December 8

4 p.m.

School-age children and their families will celebrate the holidays with stories, crafts, and games.

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, December 14

6 p.m.

Teens, 12-17, are invited to get together to play *Wii* and *PlayStation 2* games, compete in tournaments, and enjoy snacks.

Lego Club

Tuesday, December 20

4 p.m.

Children, grades 2 to 6, are invited to the Lego Club! We will meet once a month to have fun making cool, unusual, and interesting Lego creations. The only requirement is an imagination!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Building with Wood

Tuesday, December 6 & 14

6:30 p.m.

Craft a project for yourself or as a gift for family or friends. Supplies will be furnished.